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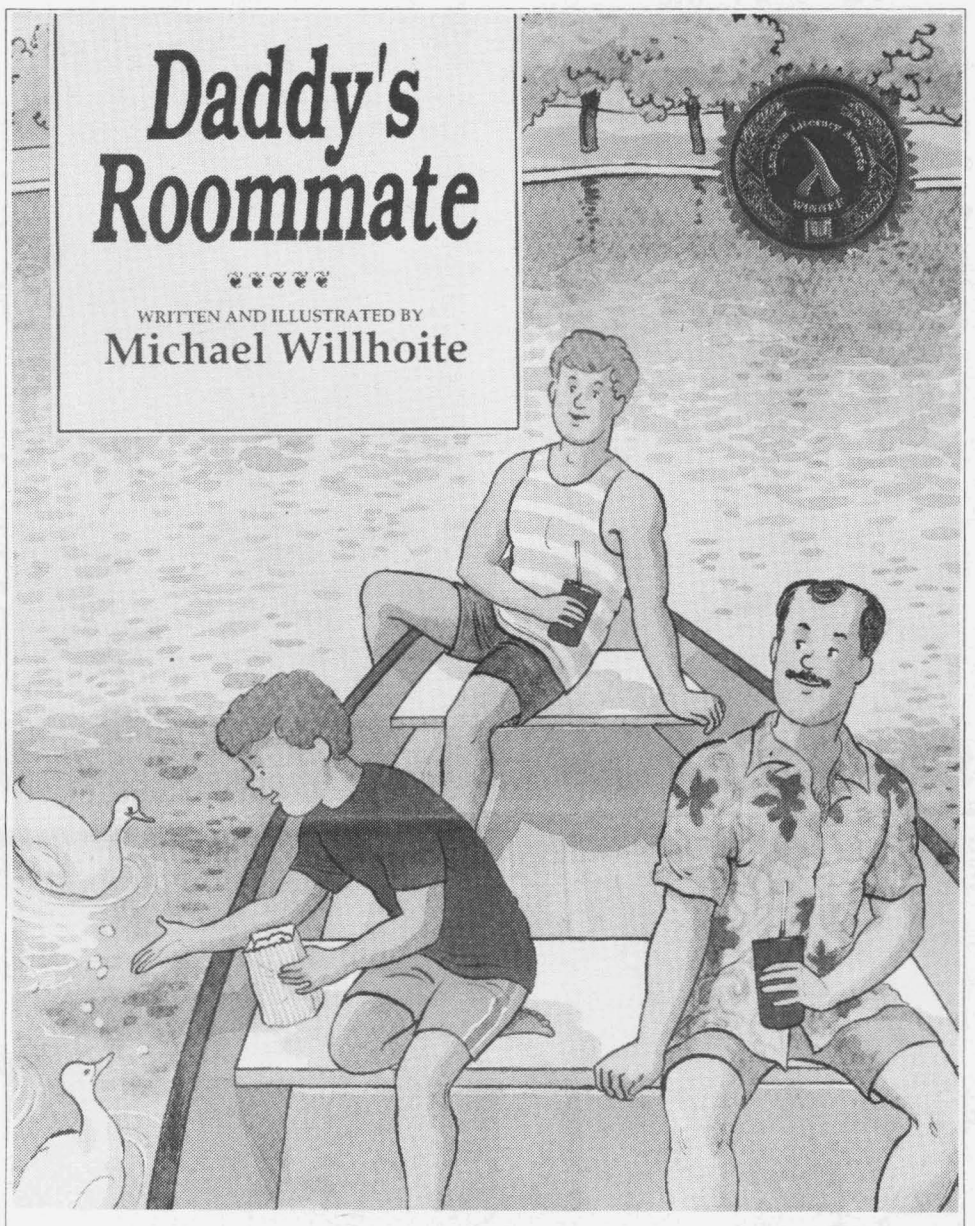
Timberland Library

Children's Book Survives Censorship Attempt



Cover of the book Daddy's Roommate, winner of the Lambda Literary Award.

Curt Pavola

"I tell ya folks," Yelm resident Rex Niblack warned the Timberland Regional Library board of trustees, "ten years from now we will see the pedophilia society promoting their books and the Aryan Nation promoting their books that shape those minds about racism." These words set the tenor of the debate for a Timberland board meeting on February 26 during which the library's governing body considered a complaint about a children's book, *Daddy's Roommate*. by Michael Woite.`e

Niblack's spouse, Kathy, brought her complaint about *Daddy's Roommate* to the Timberland board after several months of discussion with the library administration, which refused to remove the book citing library policies promoting diversity within their collection.

Daddy's Roommate is an award-winning children's book about a young boy who learns his father is gay. Using limited text and large pictures , the boy tells about his parents' divorce and visiting his father, including scenes of housework, daily routine, and trips to the beach and zoo. *Daddy's Roommate* is one of a series of books from Alyson Publications in Boston that deal with understanding gay and lesbian parents. Other titles include *Heather Has Two Mommies* and *How Would You Feel If Your Dad Was Gay?*

"This is adult material," said Kathy Niblack, who found the book in the children's section of the Lacey Timberland Library. "I feel that the material in the book is objectionable and, if it cannot be removed, then I do feel it should be restricted to a parenting shelf."

While the Niblacks and seven other speakers testified for the removal of the book from library shelves, or placement of all five copies of the book away from the young audience for which it is intended, 26 speakers supported the current Timberland policy of allowing each individual library to determine the book's placement. The Timberland Regional Library operates 28 libraries throughout southwestern Washington.

"There are also some parents who wish to protect other people's children from material they consider to be undesirable," she continued. "This we cannot accept."

Speaking on behalf of the Washington Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee, Sharon Hammer noted some of the positive aspects of *Daddy's Roommate*. "This book is dedicated `To my Dad,'" said Hammer, "which makes you think that this is really written by someone who understands the problems the child is going through."

"It also shows the nurturing nature of both men," she said. "Men are frequently not shown as nurturers and we all know that that's not true." She said the book also stresses that "the mother's and the father's main responsibility and main concern is the child's welfare."

Other speakers echoed these sentiments. "I know there's a great capacity of love on the part of [gays and lesbians], and it's a form of love that we ought to understand and appreciate," said Bill Conner. "And if that book helps us, my question is `Why only five copies?'"

Michael Perez Gibson added, "My heart gets a little hurt when I hear even the notion that children that are in this community of fine gay and lesbian parents, that this book would be denied them. I truly find that offensive."

The book's detractors all spoke from the proposition that homosexuality is a freewill choice instead of a natural orientation and, further, that homosexuality and any portrayal of homosexuality deal only with sexual activity, not the full spectrum of human emotions and relationships.

The majority of the book's opponents cited the *Holy Bible* as a source of information about homosexuality, and all expressed the concern that children should not be exposed to discussions of this aspect of human nature. The supporters of *Daddy's Roommate* disagreed .

"This move really has little to do with the book or with homosexuality or with fathers who are gay," said local author Joel Davis. "I think it has very much to do with fear. Fear of the perceived different, fear of the unknown. History is filled with examples of the true antidote to fear, not suppression or censorship, but understanding and love."

"I'm sorry you have that [fear]," offered Gibson. "The world is not changing. The world is as it's always been. You heard these people up here tonight. They're no longer in the closet. This is the world, and trying to hold on to something that you think might have been, I can't help you with that."

"Being Christian and being gay are not necessarily mutually exclusive," said Bob Withrow, who holds a masters degree in moral theology. "What I have learned after all my years in religious life and my seminary education, and my time in the pulpit, is that what I may believe in, I have no right, no right whatsoever, to shove down the throat of somebody else."

Other speakers focused on the issue of censorship of public materials at the library, and the potential damage such censorship might cause in our community. "We might ban this book from our library, and then what might happen?" asked Richard Kirton, president of the Washington Freedom Coalition, a statewide gay and lesbian civil rights

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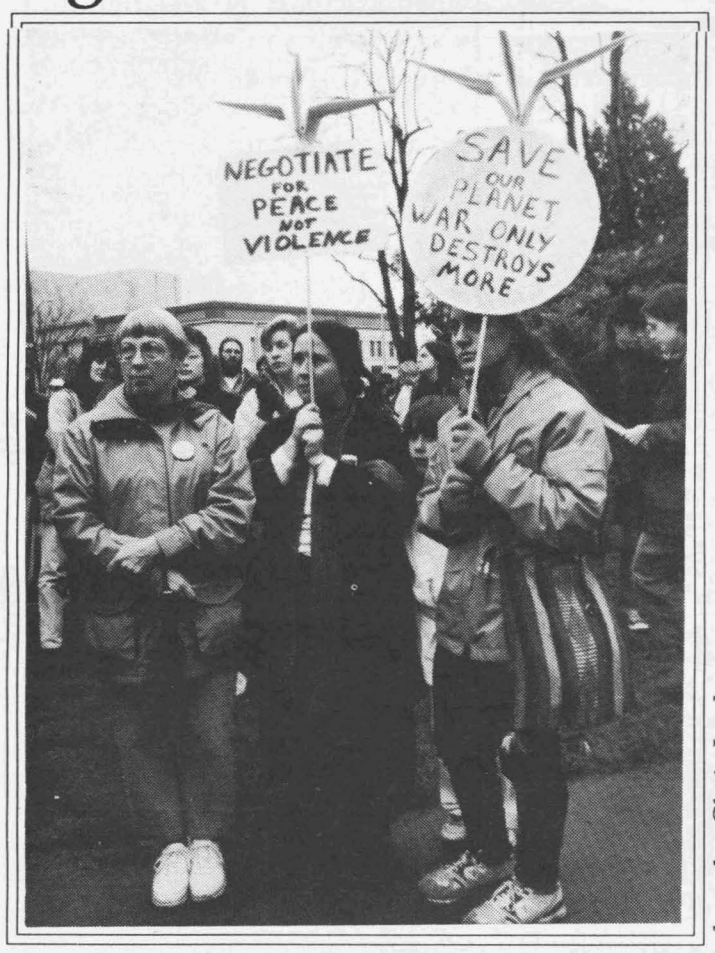

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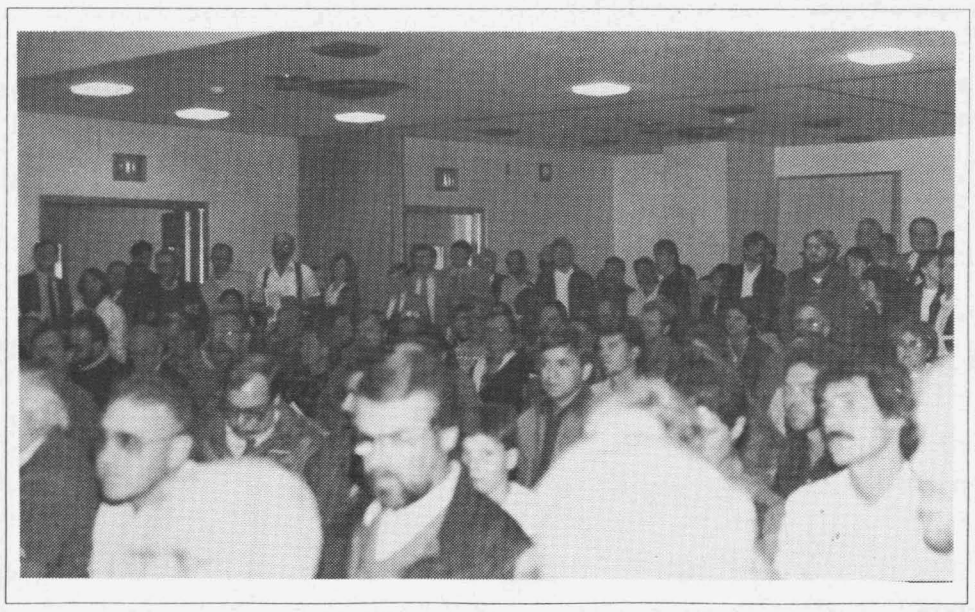

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PROPOSAL TO RESTRUCTURE TAXES FOR SUSTAINABILITY--ECOLOGICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY-- AT FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS

WHEREAS, the Worldwatch Institute now says planet EARTH has only an estimated 20 years before irreversible ecological damage sets in, under our current economic systems, and

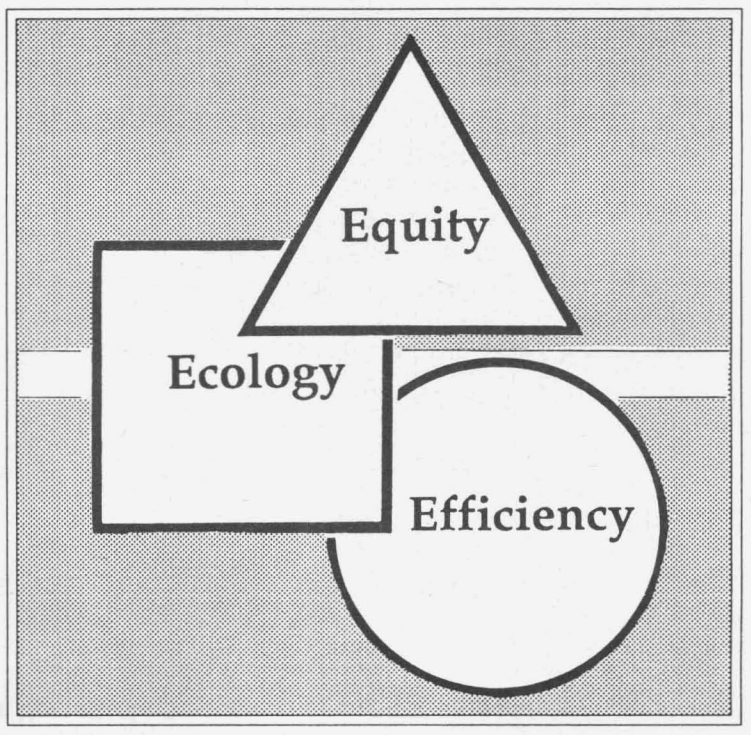
WHEREAS, some economists and theologians are writing we cannot bring justice to Nature without also bringing justice to humanity, and

WHEREAS, taxes are an integral part of economic policy and must be structured to promote Equity, Ecology, and Efficiency (see my symbols above),

I recommend the Democratic Party adopt the proposed tax structure as outlined by economist Herman E. Daly and theologian John B. Cobb, Jr. in their book For the Common Good: Redirecting the Economy Toward Community, the Environment, and a Sustainable Future (Beacon Books, 1989).

SUMMARY OF TAXES AT THREE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT FROM FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Federal - Positive graduated income tax with more than 3 brackets. Income from all sources reportable; also imputed rent on one's home, and all benefits supplementing wages and salaries. Only four deductions: (1) taxes on homes and improvements/repairs, (2) expenses for earning a living, such as child care, (3) gifts to charitable institutions, and (4) small donations to politicians.



Negative income tax so that IRS would send checks to everyone whose income is below an acceptable standard of living (say $18,000 for a family of four).

Abolish corporate profits tax but require all corporate profits be distributed to stockholders as income; no retained earnings.

Abolish our current inheritance/gift tax; re-enact one that truly taxes inherited wealth and large gifts, above a minimum threshold.

Establish pollution taxes that internalize in price all social and environmental costs.

Establish depletion quotas (on oil, ores, timber, etc) creating in effect a severance tax by auctioning these off.

State - Give states full responsibility for education, health, safety, agriculture, and highways, as well as any welfare beyond payments from negative income tax.

Sales Tax

Excise taxes on alcohol, tobacco, gasoline, etc.

Local Governments - Change property tax to a 2-rate structure (land-value tax) with a high rate on market value of land and low (or none) on buildings. Tax agricultural land at same rate as urban land. Finance infrastructure (schools, sewage treatment plants, water facilities, roads, parks, etc) through land-value tax--not bond issues.

User fees allowed for services that benefit only segments of society such as garbage collection, water, sewers.

Meta Heller

Don't Miss This One
Nicaragua Today: Eye Witness Accounts

April 20th at 7 pm
in the conference room of the Olympia Timberland Library

Mike Layton, former Seattle P.I. reporter and political columnist who has just returned from Nicaragua will present his unique and insightful perspectives.

Carol Sowdon, who traveled to seven towns in Nicaragua as part of a church group, will give her reflections as well.

the THURSTON SANTO TOMÁS sister-county association

This event is presented by the Thurston Santo Tomas Sister County Association, which brought the Nicaraguan delegation to Olympia a year ago.

Juice and good cookies will be served.
For more information call 866-9090

casa verde

oh shit - what karma
having altered the climate global

not since 10,000 years ice age
affecting all that lives

or will - from now
till shuddering then

what thermodynamic legacy
what bitter breeze...

tonight it is cool
along the northwest coast

the moon nearing full
stars follow their dance charts

step by step
across curved sky

in iowa they're praying to jesus
sweet jesus - just some rain

mi casa verde-
who will find us

to quench our thirsts
behind this locked and shadowy door?

Robert Lovitt

"If pizza is an art
To Mamas has the brushes"

"Losing oneself in Olympia"
Sept. 21, 1987, CPJ

Mamas

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Partners

SEATTLE -- The world's first magazine for same-sex couples was launched on Valentines Day when **Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples** became a quarterly magazine.

Publishers and editors Stevie Bryant and Demian, Ed.D., are 10-year partners and the authors of a national survey of 1,266 gay and lesbian couples. They founded **Partners Newsletter** in 1986.

Now titled **Partners Magazine for Gay & Lesbian Couples,** the publication features news, advice, and interviews of committed couples. Demian said the magazine "provides information and encouragement to couples, who often get little support from families, friends and employers."

"The explosion of information and news concerning couples made it impossible to fit everything into a newsletter," said Bryant. "The larger format also allows us to accept advertising from organizations and businesses with an outreach to same-sex couples."

The magazine's first issue, Winter 1992, includes a story on how relationships suffer when partners are in the closet. In another article, 75 year-old Donald Vining recounts his experience of widowhood after a 43 year relationship. The issue also reported results of the publication's survey of how same-sex couples are covered in the gay and lesbian media.

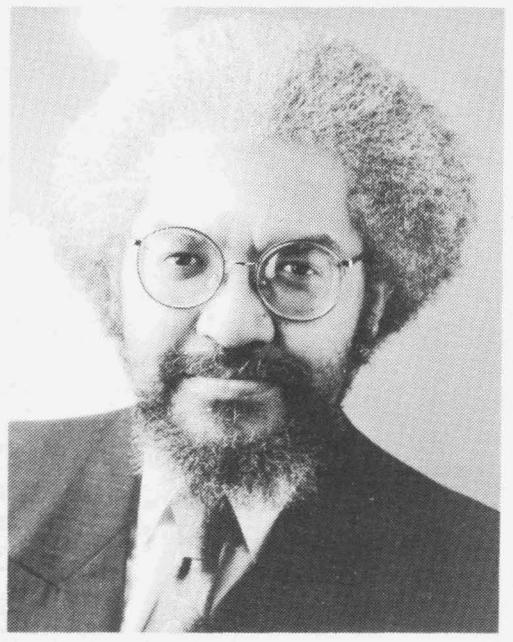
For information, contact **Partners Magazine,** Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109; (206) 784-1519. A year's subscription costs $21.

Along the Color Line

Why Conservatives Fear Multiculturalism

Dr. Manning Marable

In January I appeared on the ABC television news program, "Nightline", in a debate with former Secretary of Education William Bennett. The issue under discussion was whether schools should adopt new textbooks and teaching techniques which include a full range of America's ethnic, racial and gender diversity. I knew that Bennett, a conservative ideologue with reactionary credentials relating to people of color, would attempt to dismiss ethnic pluralism and increased emphasis on nonwhite contributions to the larger society as irrelevant to quality education. So from the outset, I explained that "multiculturalism" really means two fundamental things: first, the recognition that American history and this nation's accomplishments are not reflected solely in the activities of only one race (whites), one language group (English-speakers), one ethnicity (Anglo-Saxons) or only one religion (Christianity). African-Americans, Latinos, Asian-Americans, Native Americans and others have also made central contributions to our society. And secondly, that beneath these differences are some underlying principles and values which bring us together, such as the ideals of human equality, democratic government and individual liberty. "Multiculturalism" is an antidote to the poisons of racism and sexism, which can distort young minds in our classrooms. Presented in this manner, even the arch-conservative Bennett couldn't disagree. Where Bennett and I expressed sharp disagreement was on the issue of textbooks. Bennett argued that history books should report the "truth" and any deviation from the central facts in history was nothing less than propaganda. Bennett also insisted that the "truths" of "Western civilization" should be the basis for our educational system. Bennett was wrong on at least two counts. As a professor of history, I know that there is no singular "truth" in anyone's history or textbooks. The history books in the past have always reflected the interests and perspectives of people in power in America. That's why, until recently, that Native Americans, Latinos, and African-Americans were excluded from all textbooks, and our achievements were ignored or stolen. When oppressed people successfully struggle for their democratic rights, the textbooks inevitably are changed. Moreover, despite the achievements of Western civilization, many of the greatest scientific, technological and cultural advances in world history have come from Asia and Africa. To overcome the prejudices reinforced by their parents, many white students need to read the works of scholars of color. William Bennett is only one of many intellectuals who are currently campaigning against the specter of "multi-culturalism." Other conservative educators hostile to multiculturalism include civil rights critic Linda Chavez, writer Dinesh D'Souza, and University of Chicago professor Allan Bloom. What these ideologues also have in common is that they have all been richly subsidized by the conservative Olin Foundation, which is headed by William E. Simon, former Treasury Secretary under Presidents Nixon and Ford. According to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, in 1991 the Olin Foundation awarded a $175,000 fellowship to Bennett, $25,000 to Chavez, $98,400 to D'Souza, and $800,000 to Bloom's program at the University of Chicago. Unlike other foundations, Olin has clear partisan party affiliations and an extremely reactionary agenda without even a shred of scholarly balance or objectivity. Why are conservative intellectuals and foundations so frightened by multiculturalism? Behind their public rhetoric are several political realities. The one threat which unified conservatives was Communism. Now that the Soviet Union has gone out of business, American reactionaries don't have a common "enemy." By attacking multicultural education and affirmative action, they are deliberately manipulating racial and gender symbols to mobilize their supporters. Conservatives also recognize that racial minorities will soon total one-third of the U.S. population. Pushing Blacks, Latinos and other people of color out of the textbooks is only a precursor to pushing back their political rights within society.



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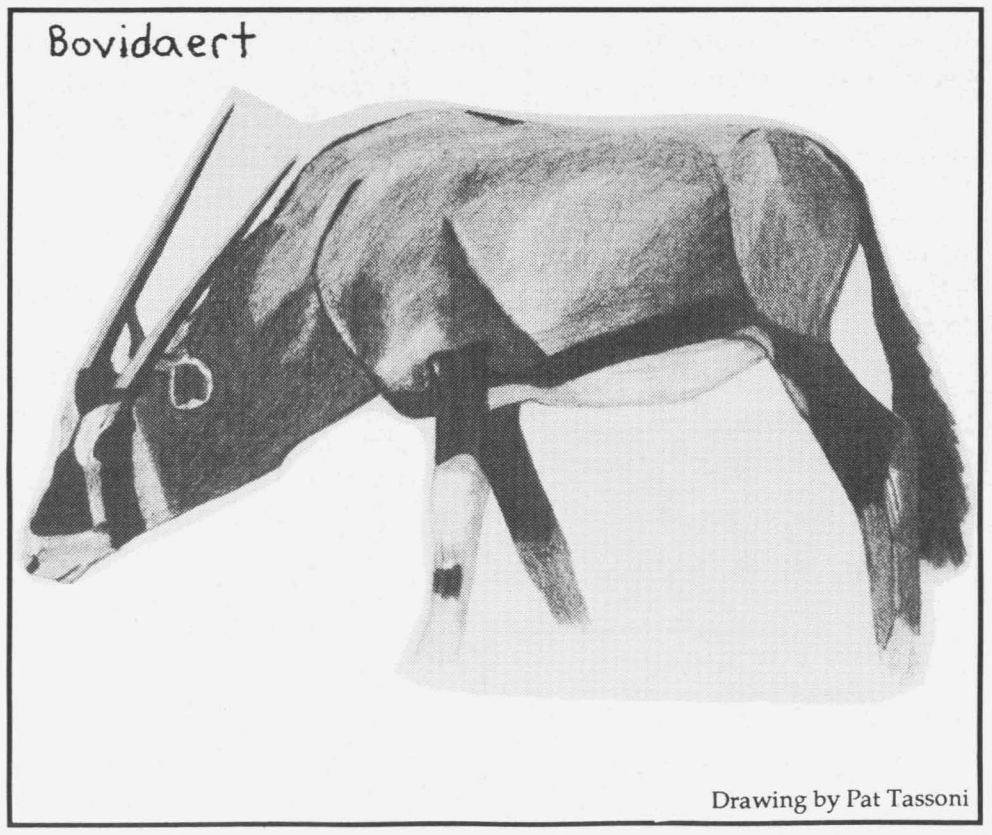

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chili dogs

couldn't we do it this way-
instead of spending countless dollars
having them bludgeon each other on tv
let's instead, televise how presidential candidates
serve up chili-dogs

do they greet the customer?
do they ask if they'd like cheese?
do they offer hot sauce?
do they inform the customer
if extra onions will cost more?
do they serve up in a timely fashion?
do they have some sense of hand-eye coordination?
do they take pride in their work?
do they relate well to the bus boys?
do they wash their hands first?
do they have any sense of the bread bun as communion?
how do they react if the customer
places his or her order in spanish?
are they willing to say
where the ingredients came from
and how they're prepared?
do they have any lo-cal suggestions?
does the chili slop all over the bun?
do they lick their fingers?

this would be very illuminating
they could serve the chili-dogs
to the truly hungry while we watch on tv
perhaps while eating our own dinners
the people could then decide
armed with some concrete facts
actual performance records, not a mouthful of words,
but a mouthful of chili-dog - that's the ticket!

Robert Lovitt

Thurston County Rainbow Coalition's Annual Membership Meeting

Dan Taylor

The Thurston County Rainbow Coalition had its annual reorganization meeting Saturday, February 29. We started the agenda with a Welcome by Tom Freeman and myself. We spoke of the past year as the TCRC Co-coordinators. Then we asked the audience to give a brief preliminary phrase to describe why they came. From that we went to the major portion of the event: the open mike. (or maybe we should call it the open floor) Those who were in attendance who wished to speak were given the chance. Some of the topics included: racism, taxes, RU 486 (a drug that can safely induce abortion), transportation, and many others.

We had small presentations by the representatives from the local Presidential campaigns. Supporters for Brown, Clinton, Harkin, and Kerry were there. First each spoke about her/his candidate, followed by questions from the audience.

In the next section we presented our awards. Our first award, the second annual "Martin Luthur King Jr." award went to the Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace. Anna Schlecht accepted the award for the OMJP.

Our second award was one we just created at our February General Membership meeting. The "Keep Hope Alive" award was given to Julius P. Johnston for his outstanding work as treasurer for the past three years. During those three years he as been a major part of our organization, keeping us alive. We are honored to have a person like him in the TCRC.

We followed with elections of new officers. Sylvia Smith and I were elected Co-coordinators. Julius P. Johnston was elected Treasurer, and Teresa Jennings was elected Secretary.

The meeting then progressed into the potluck. During the potluck one of our members, Pat Holm, suggested an idea to bring to Olympia, a theatre company performing a multicultural re-enactment of Columbus's coming to America. We decided to have her form a committee to look into it, but we were concerned about some time restraints. It was decided that the committee would look into any multicultural theatre performances with the idea of bringing these to Olympia.

After the potluck we left with warm hearts, spirits, and stomachs.

Dan Taylor is a past and present Thurston County Rainbow Coalition Co-coordinator.

Thurston County Rainbow Coalition

Keeping Hope Alive Award

Julius P. Johnston, Jr.

The General Membership presents this award to honor Julius P. Johnston, Jr. for his years as TCRC Treasurer and, more importantly, to acknowledge his outstanding qualities of honesty, easy wit and dedication to the principals under which this organization was founded.

Awarded February 29, 1992

Dan Taylor Tom Freeman

Thurston County Rainbow Coalition

General Membership Meeting

April 11th, 12:30 pm

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Leonard Peltier and Big Mountain: 500 Years of Resistance Continues

Mary McLaughlin, Arthur Miller, Pete Murney

This year, 1992, marks the 500 year anniversary of the Columbus expedition, which many governments and corporations are celebrating as "An Encounter of Cultures." The counter-movement to this, loosely organized under the

banner of "500 Years of Resistance," seeks to counter the prevailing mythology about the Columbus voyages, and many people in Europe and the Americas are organizing cultural and educational events towards that end.

The indigenous people of North America are survivors of a holocaust of immeasurable proportions. Re-examination of American history is a moral necessity for the US as a whole, and a difficult thing for the individual. On the one hand, when many non-Indian people look at events of the past, they cannot help but acknowledge that what occurred was an atrocity motivated by racism and greed, and many people see cause for shame. On the other hand, we all know we cannot change the past, most of us like to think that given the chance we would surely do better, and furthermore most Americans have been led to believe that all these bad things ended with the Wounded Knee Massacre of 1890. Consequently, many people feel there is little or nothing to be done about it now.

If this examination of the past is going to have any meaning for the future, however, it is necessary to look beyond 1890 and also assess the fate of Indian people in the 20th century, which is nearly over, and about which most non-Indians know next to nothing. The Indian Wars did not end 100 years ago but have continued throughout this century, in a more sophisticated form but with just as disastrous consequences for Indian people.

A few general points must be borne in mind in any discussion of these issues. First of all, it must be remembered that treaties are the supreme law of the land and they are made only between sovereign nations. The US does not make treaties with individual states or minority populations. This is a fact often forgotten or trivialized and this issue of native sovereignty is at the heart of every traditional land struggle in North America. Secondly, when the reservation system was set up, Indians were pushed into the lands nobody else wanted because those lands were not arable or good for grazing. In the 20th century it was discovered that most of the nation's mineral reserves (coal, shale oil, natural gas and, most importantly, uranium) lie under this undesirable land.

So once again, Indian people found themselves in the way of progress. Which leads to the third point, which is that the US government has throughout the 20th century colluded with private interests, particularly the energy conglomerates, in order to violate every treaty made with the Indian nations and thereby get its hands on the little land these people had left. A central plank in this strategy was the establishment of the tribal council system, which gave the appearance of Native autonomy but was in fact controlled by the Department of Interior. Tribal councils were opposed by most Indian tribes, but they are the only Indian voice recognized by the federal government and they are empowered to do nothing but sell or lease tribal land. The US government has made it clear that it will stop at nothing to get this land. In recent years it has acted with particular ruthlessness at Big Mountain in Arizona and Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Big Mountain is one community in the Black Mesa region of the Navaho Reservation where right now, today, hundreds of Dine families (Dine is the traditional Navajo's name for themselves) are facing imminent, forced removal from their homes on Indian land so that Peabody Coal can expand its Black Mesa operation, already the largest stripmine in the world. These people, who live in some of the last traditional Native communities in North America, have been fighting relocation for the past 16 years.

In 1974 Congress enacted Public Law 93-531, which mandated the relocation of 10,000 Dine people. This was supposedly done to resolve a land dispute between the Navajo and Hopi, who have lived side by side for centuries. but the dispute was a hoax, fabricated in order to secure title for the execution of mineral development leases on Black Mesa. PL 93-531 was itself the capstone on several decades of lies and legal maneuvers too numerous and complex to describe here. There also isn't- space to describe the fate of the thousands of Dine who have already relocated, more than half of whom are now homeless, or the hardships and harassment endured by those who have chosen to remain on the land. Suffice to say that in 1980 the Fourth Russell Tribunal, convening in Rotterdam, ruled that PL 93-531 violated the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide as well as five other international human rights covenants.

Nevertheless, it remains the law of the land. Relocation was supposed to have been completed by July 8, 1986. Things have moved slowly in part because both Peabody Coal and the US government have maintained a public posture that none of this is happening, but things are coming to a head very quickly. The Bush administration wants it all wrapped up this year because Peabody Coal has negotiated some big deals with Japan which require immediate expansion, and the sale of this coal is expected to significantly narrow the trade deficit with the Japanese. So we have every reason to believe that the ax will fall for good in the summer of 1992, and the dramatic increase in harassment of people on the land last fall bears this out.

The Pine Ridge Sioux Reservation in South Dakota sits on top of the largest uranium deposits in the US. Uranium mining has long been opposed by the traditional Lakotas but in the early 1970s Pine Ridge had a tribal council headed by a man named Dick Wilson who favored uranium development and routinely murdered or assaulted his opponents. This situation led the traditional Lakotas to ask the American Indian Movement (AIM) for help, which resulted in the occupation of Wounded Knee in 1973.

In the backlash of the next three years, scores of Indian people at Pine Ridge were murdered and hundreds more were victims of violent assaults. The vast majority of these crimes have never been investigated, even though the FBI had jurisdiction and maintained at the time its highest ratio of agents to civilians found anywhere in the country. The FBI was in fact providing Wilson's vigilante squad with intelligence about AIM members and an impressive array of military assault weapons because the federal police were massed at Pine Ridge for the express purpose of destroying AIM.

This reign of terror reached a climax on June 26, 1975, when two FBI agents opened fire on an AIM camp near Oglala, South Dakota, initiating a shootout in which both agents and an AIM member named Joe Stuntz were killed. Predictably, Joe Stuntz's death has never been investigated. In addition, on the day of the shootout, Dick Wilson was in Washington, DC illegally signing

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The Columbus Quintcentennial is undoubtedly raising the issues of historical injustice and cultural genocide, but these issues are being raised with all eyes squarely on the past. Our crocodile tears will not help Crazy Horse and will do even less for his descendants.

Back In Print -

In The Spirit of Crazy Horse

In The Spirit of Crazy Horse, by Peter Matthiessen. (Penguin, $14.) Out of print for eight years because of litigation, this book argues the innocence of Leonard Peltier, a leader of the American Indian Movement who was convicted of the murder of two FBI agents in a 1975 shootout in South Dakota. Matthiessen's contention that Peltier was framed led to an ultimately unsuccessful libel action against parties including the author and the original publisher, Viking, by an FBI agent and William Janklow, the former governor of South Dakota. Matthiessen has written a revised epilogue for this new edition, in which he recounts a meeting with a man claiming to be the real killer.

U. S. Army's School of the Americas: Mission Expanded

Emma Jones

At Fort Benning GA, there is a facility especially designed and stagged for the instruction of military and police skills for officers and non-commissioned ranks of Latin America's security forces. Established in the early part of this century, the school provides training in regular and unconventional warfare for the military personnel of more than twenty nations in Latin America. Graduates return home and practice their craft on workers, nuns, human rights activists and anyone else who disagrees with the US-sponsored oligarchies in the region.

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The brutal national guards of El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, Chile, and pre-Sandinista Nicaragua were and are trained at the School, with supplementary guidance provided by American Special forces units in-country. Alumni of the School include Manuel Noreiga, the late Roberto D'Aubuisson, and the current Haitian chief of police, Major Joseph-Michel Francois, who helped overthrow the legal government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide last September.

Col. Jose R. Feliciano, commandant of the School, has sent a proposal to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for a major expansion of the school. Hitherto focused on land warfare, the proposed expansion would revise the curriculum to include naval, air, and amphibious operations. Instructors would be drawn from the US Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, and the School would become the central training facility for Latin American forces. Although there would be courses in firefighting in forests, sanitation, resource preservation and engineering, the focus would be on counter-insurgency and low-intensity conflict. In effect, the proposal brings the School to a university-level facility, enabling graduates to return home and oppress their peoples more efficiently. It would make the US even more responsible for the terror Latin American governments visit on their citizenry every day.

What can you do? The Joints Chiefs approve proposals like this, but Congress funds them. 'Nuff said . . . get busy.

For more information contact: SOA Watch (Vicky Imerman) PO Box 3330 Columbus, GA 31903 • (404) 682-5369.

Father Roy Bourgeois remains imprisoned for protesting at the SOA fifteen months ago. His address: Father Roy Bourgeois, #01579-017 PMB 1000 Tallahassee, FL 32311-3400

Emma covers military/intelligence issues for WIP.

S.O.A. Enrollment, Past and Present

Nation	Graduates Since 1946	Enrollment 1991	Enrollment 1992
Argentina	624	0	0
Barbados	1	0	0
Belize	6	0	0
Bolivia	3,803	154	167
Brazil	351	0	0
Chile	2,131	132	135
Colombia	7,608	479	571
Costa Rica	2,325	49	23
Cuba	291	0	0
Dominican Republic	2,191	87	70
Ecuador	3,300	28	48
El Salvador	6,434	232	312
Guatemala	1,659	12	11
Haiti	50	0	0
Honduras	**3,532**	**124**	**260**
Mexico	445	97	53
Nicaragua	4,693	0	0
Panama	4,235	0	0
Paraguay	1,071	0	16
Peru	3,909	87	52
United States	1,443	24	20
Uruguay	927	1	0
Venezuela	3,232	12	23
Total	54,261	1,518	1,761

• Nicaragua was the SOA's primary client prior to the Sandinista Revolution. Bolivia during this time was also a major client.

• Almost all of the Salvadoran graduates were trained within the last twelve years.

• Note the steep increase in the number of soldiers from Honduras from 1991 to 1992.

• On February 17th in Guatemala City, Defense Secretary Richard Cheney hinted that restrictions on military aid to Guatemala may be lifted; if that happens, the number of Guatemalan students will increase.

(Peltier, continued)

over one-eighth of the reservation for uranium development.

The deaths of the two agents led to more terror at Pine Ridge and eventually AIM member Leonard Peltier was sentenced to two consecutive life terms for aiding and

abetting in their deaths. He has spent the past 15 years in federal prison for a crime he did not commit, convicted and sentenced on the basis of evidence and testimony which the government acknowledged over a decade ago was false. Leonard was recently denied an evidentiary hearing in his latest effort to get a new trial, and there is now a renewed effort to get Congress to convene hearings on the matter.

The two situations briefly described here reflect a pattern whose outlines can be traced all over the continent. The Columbus Quintcentennial is undoubtedly raising the issues of historical injustice and cultural genocide, but these issues are being raised with all eyes squarely on the past. Our crocodile tears will not help Crazy Horse and will do even less for his descendants. Reality in Indian country today means nearly total unemployment and forced sterilization and forced relocation and malnutrition. It means having the highest rate of infant mortality and the lowest life expectancy. It means chronic injustice and political assassination. All these things are acts of war, pure and simple, and the citizens of the US need to not only recognize that these things occur, but also recognize the degree to which they profit from their occurrence. This is especially true of people who count themselves as part of the movement for progressive social change in this country, because the moral integrity of the movement, like the moral integrity of the nation, rests with its ability to face the wrongs still being done to the Native people of North America. The struggles to stop relocation at Big Mountain and gain justice for Leonard Peltier are both good places to start.

To this end we are calling for coordinated international days of action on the following dates:

June 26th - Anniversary of the Oglala shootout - Day of action to Free Leonard Peltier

July 6th - Anniversary of the relocation deadline at Big Mountain - Day of action for Big Mountain

October 12th - Day of Action in honor of 500 Years of Ongoing Native Resistance in the Americas

There are many ways of getting our message across on these days, including protests (vigils, marches, speak outs, street theater, pickets, letter writing campaigns, etc), benefits, educational events and more. Please join in these days of action in any way that you can. If you plan to participate please send information about your activities to: Support for Native Sovereignty, P.O. Box 2104, Seattle, WA 98111.

For more information about Leonard Peltier or to donate towards his legal expenses etc. contact: The Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, P.O. Box 583, Lawrence, KS 66044, 913/842-5774.

To donate directly to Dine resisters at Big Mountain contact: Support For Future Generations, P.O. Box 22134, Flagstaff, AZ 86002. Another group involved in direct aid/direct action projects at Big Mountain is The Veterans Peace Action Teams, P.O. Box 743, Winslow, AZ 86047, 602/289 4460.

Authors: Mary McLaughlin (Seattle Leonard Peltier Support Group), Arthur Miller (Bayou La Rose, Red Knife Defense/Support Committee), and Pete Murney (Support for Native Sovereignty, Seattle Big Mountain Support Group)

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WIP Article submission deadline is April 15
Also on that day, there will be a WIP meeting at SPEECH at 7pm. All are encouraged to attend and get involved. Call 956-9123 for info.

A Personal Account -
Struggling for a Union at the Urban Onion

Jason Wallach

I work at a restaurant called the Urban Onion. Some of you may have heard of it. For the past two months my co-workers and I have been involved in an effort to unionize our restaurant. This effort was born of our collective observation of the injustices and unfair labor practices that we accepted as standard conditions of our employment, and a deep desire to change those practices. *Works In Progress* covered our story in their April issue.

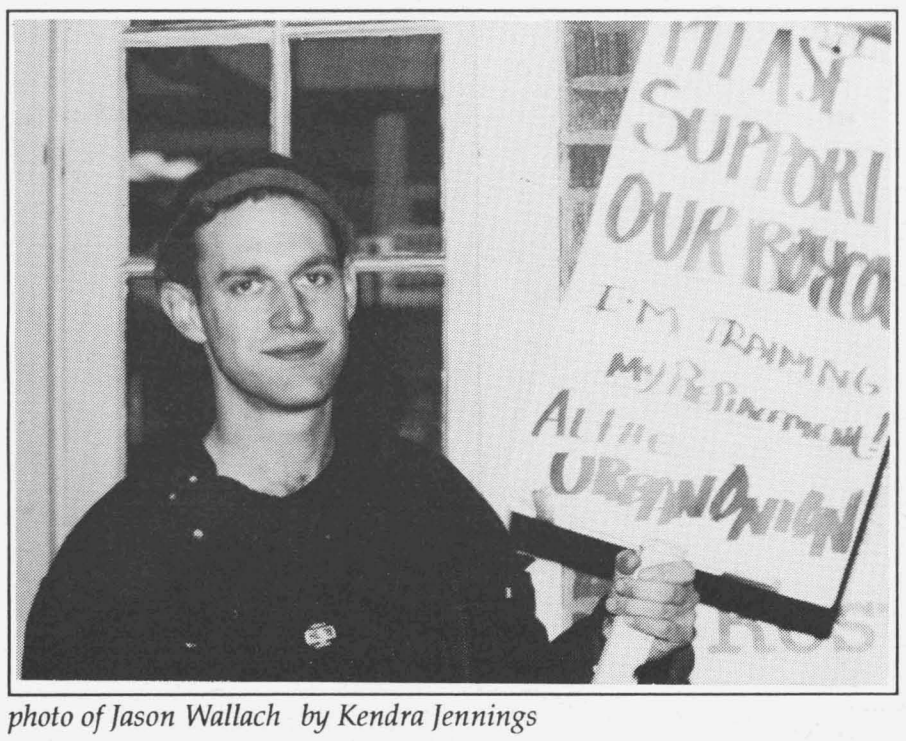


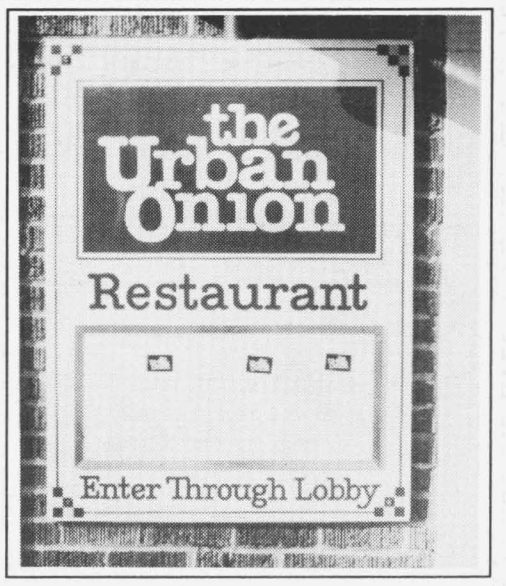
photo of Jason Wallach by Kendra Jennings

A woman from *Works in Progress* approached me and asked me to write a "personal account" of what it is like to be a part of the unionizing effort at the Urban Onion. She wanted an insiders Point of View. I admit that I do not know where to start.

Prior to my involvement in this unionization effort I have dedicated a great deal of energy to the simple idea that it's very easy to accept the complacency of the status quo. The process of changing the social conditions that dissatisfy us is a long and arduous one. Despite this, like many of you, I have worked for change. But somehow there was always a separation between myself and the conditions that I was changing. Those of you who have worked with homeless people know what I mean. It's like, "I'm not homeless, *and these people are.*" There is sympathy and compassion but rarely do you find someone who intimately *knows* what it is to live with no home. I don't. Now, I believe that when we reach out to each other in areas like homelessness that we are not only easing the suffering of others, but aiding our own internal growth as well. This is not to say that this work isn't important--it's crucial--I'm merely pointing out the separation between myself and my helping.

Enter the Urban Onion. Despite my history as a dedicated worker for and believer in change, I was about to quit my job at the Urban Onion when I was asked whether I would consider seeking union representation with my co-workers. It didn't occur to me that, right here in my own life, was something that I had a responsibility to confront: my employer. I realized that I had never really confronted the conditions of my own life.

Many of my co-workers felt the same way. We shared stories about our experiences in the restaurant. We bonded as a group in a way that very few people bond in their closest relationships. It was through this kind of bonding that we learned that we were not just 25 individuals, each with our own gripes, who just happened to complain about our jobs. Something wrong was happening.



I wasn't prepared for what ensued. None of us were. On January 27, when we decided to publicly declare our union allegiance, we entered the restaurant at seven in the morning for coffee--all of us donning union pins. The response? Owner Steve Harrington called the police to have us removed. This event set the tone for the two months that followed.

We entered an abyss where half-truths are taken for fact and blatant deception is the *status quo.* The owners were trying to discredit our attempt at unionizing any way they could. They tried to say that the union "coerced" us into representation by giving us false promises when, in fact, we approached *them* for help. None of us have ever held any illusions as to what a union can or cannot do for its constituency. There is an overwhelming insistence among my co-workers that we make decisions for ourselves, then we, along with the union, implement them.

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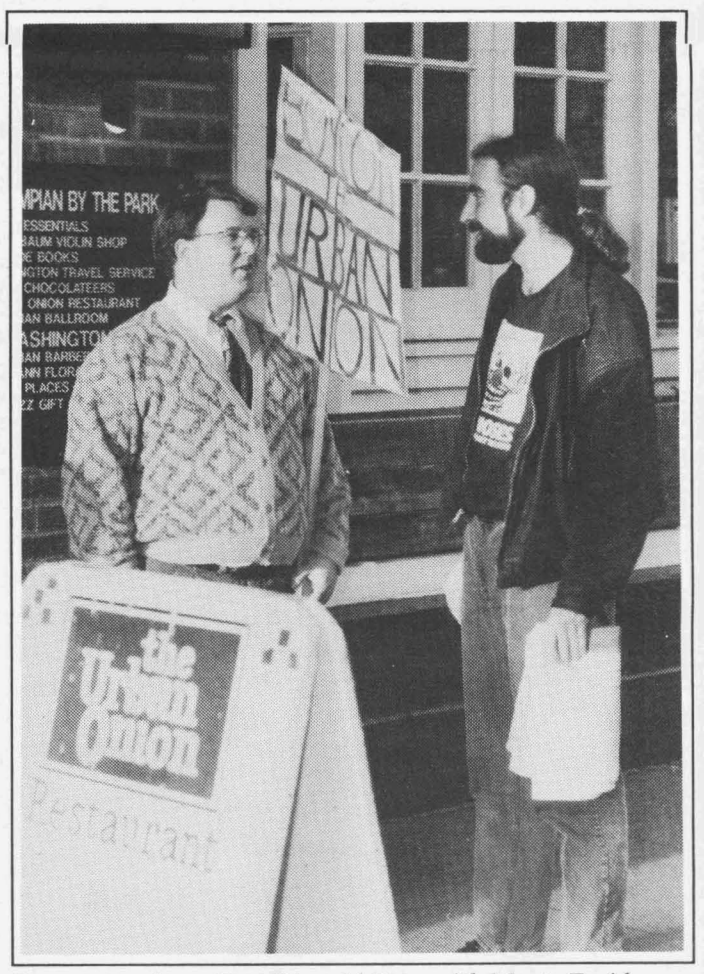
Another falsehood that has been perpetrated by the owners is that our picketing efforts are performed primarily by non-employees. One day, as I was picketing in front of the restaurant, a woman approached me and said, "I think you should mind your own business and let the employees decide what happens here." This outraged me, but I couldn't blame this woman. She was merely acting out a lie, told to her by Elyse Harrington, an owner, that she believed to be the truth. I rested quietly in the knowledge that, if she had eaten dinner at the Urban Onion any time in the past week, I probably cooked it for her. I hope she enjoyed the meal.



Former employee Dan Kincaid-Kasswith Marty Freidman. photo by Curt Pavola

How have we dealt with the dismay and disenchantment that accompanies the deception of our employer and the stolid sloth of a system that refuses to recognize the rights of employees over the profitability of a business? To be sure, they have taken their toll. I mean, it *should* be simple: a vast majority of employees at a given restaurant want to unionize because their employer has for too long abused her privilege of power in the management/worker duality, therefore the employees get a chance to negotiate a fair contract. Why does the system value the word of the employer and stifle the rights of workers? Fortunately, we have humor as an ally. And we have each other. It's been hard to maintain a level of commitment to this project when you see others you are working with are depressed or futilistic, and I guarantee that all of us have gone through times of wondering, "Is this *really* having an effect?" But it's a real shot in the arm when someone comes to me on the picket line and says, "Hey I've been out of town for a few days, are you making any progress?"

It's at these times that I'm refueled because I remember that, win or lose, I have a responsibility to fulfill. The responsibility, on behalf of the community, to make it clear to abusive employers that they can't get away with disrespecting the rights of their employees. And the responsibility to deliver the message to everyone else who works a job to pay their bills, "You don't have to take this anymore." With a little commitment and a lot of patience, we can take control of the structures of our lives.

While the boycott at the Urban Onion continues, HERE Local 8 and staff and supporters of Works In Progress encourage you to shop at and patronize:

Fireside Bookstore
Going Places
Washington Travel
Applebaum Violin

all located at the Hotel Olympian on Legion Way in Downtown Olympia

Employer misrepresents conflict at the Urban Onion

Steve and Elyse Harrington hope repeatedly hitting the public with misinformation will compromise their employees attempts to achieve social and economic justice at the Urban Onion.

Typical of the deceptions put out by the Harringtons is a piece dated February 28, 1992 which was presented to the public through the mail and as a paid ad in several editions of The Olympian.

It was also distributed as a flyer at the restaurant.

The piece purports to discuss employees' attempt to get a Temporary Restraining Order by petitioning the Thurston County Superior Court after two employer representatives escalated the confrontation occurring in front of the Hotel Olympian, and in the lobby.

One employer representative made an obscene and threatening gesture with his fist and shouted at employees when employees attempted to talk to potential customers. The other blocked people's ingress and egress at the hotel. An employer supporter also was pushing and shoving a picketing employee.

Although Superior Court Judge Paula Casey denied the petition "without prejudice," and cautioned neither side should feel either victorious or wronged by her ruling, the Harringtons proclaimed in their flyers that "The Union lost and the Urban Onion won."

The Harringtons made no mention of Judge Casey's finding "that the words that were used by [Jim] Illing [one of the two employer representatives] were words that would in fact cause disturbance and cause outrage by the persons to whom the words were directed [picketing employees]." No mention was made of Judge Casey's stating, "I have not found picketers mispositioned or blocking ingress or egress ... [but] ... I will indicate that I don't think Mr. Harrington's friend's positioned themselves very responsibly."

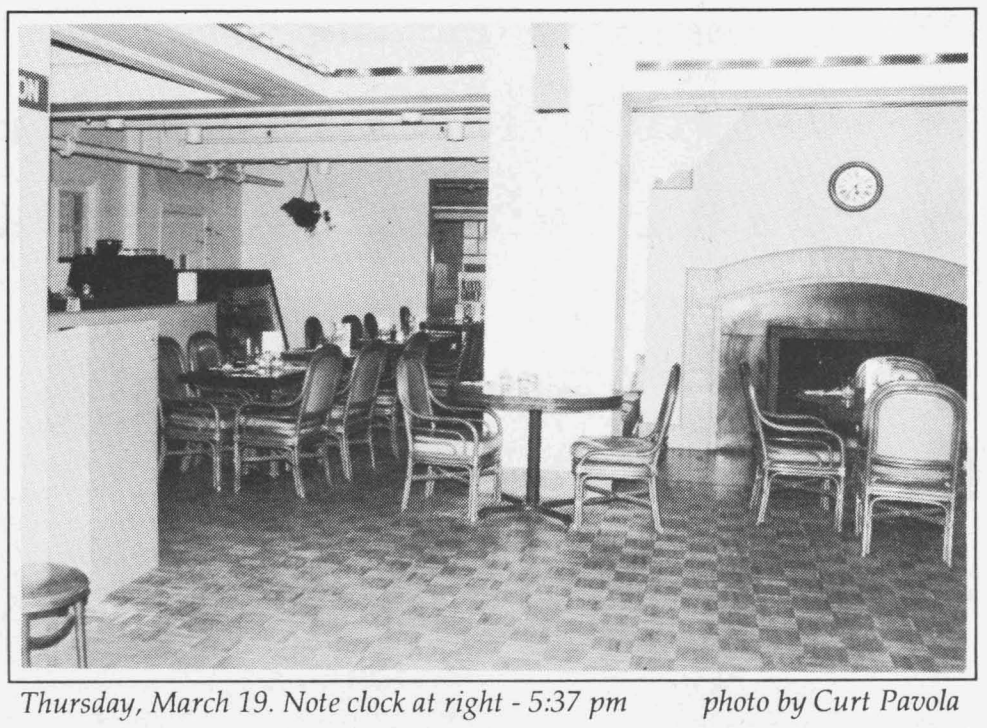
What about free speech?

The Harrington's imply the employees' attempt to get a Temporary Restraining Order somehow compromised their supporters free speech rights. But Mr. and Mrs. Harrington don't mention they had their attorney file for a Temporary Restraining Order in an attempt to force employees out of the Hotel Olympian Lobby, where they were peacefully picketing in front of the Urban Onion entrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrington don't mention Judge Casey denied their request. (Did the Union win and the Harringtons lose?)

The Harringtons also omit the fact that when employees voluntarily left the lobby and returned to the sidewalk in front of the Hotel, the Harringtons had their attorneys file a charge with the National Labor Relations Board to get employees off the sidewalk.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrington don't mention the Board refused to issue a charge: which in essence is a finding the claim is without merit. (Did the Union win — again — and the Harringtons lose — again?)



Thursday, March 19. Note clock at right - 5:37 pm *photo by Curt Pavola*

Employer caught in the act

Steve Harrington demonstrated his disassociation with the truth most graphically when questioned on February 17th by Officer Barclift of the Olympia Police Department as to whether he knew one of the two employer supporters in front of the Hotel Olympian.

"No," Mr. Harrington replied.

On February 28, 1992 Judge Paula Casey revealed she knew Mr. Harrington was a business partner with the man he had earlier claimed was a stranger.

Mr. Harrington sat silent in her courtroom.

Boycott continues

Most Urban Onion customers have not been taken in by the Harringtons half-truths and disinformation. Employees' attempts to involve the greater community in the struggle for justice at the Urban Onion have been largely successful, and business continues to be significantly down.

Unfortunately, the employees success has resulted in many of them having to seek new jobs to augment their diminished income from the Urban Onion. This means fewer hours available to picket and keep the public informed.

Although there may be times no one is in front of the Hotel Olympian with signs and flyers, the boycott of the Urban Onion continues.

Thank you for your support.

Who are the Homeless?

Mark Dooley

[Bread & $Roses] Ed. Note: When we looked at the articles in this newsletter they seemed to have a somewhat common theme. The homeless are not statistics or a category. They are real people whose lives we touch and by whom we are touched.

Jan is fortunate. We waited late in an all night diner for her caseworker to arrive and take her home. The words, spirit, and mind of an eight year-old, spoken by a middle-aged woman, were of Disneyland, cigarettes, and an angry hitchiking adventure: "I just want to go home now. I hope they won't be mad at me for running away." Three a.m. and her ride was there, result of a frantic call to the care center Jan has lived in for three years. Forty-one years old and her greatest fears are only of disapproval. She has no capacity, aside from luck, for living on the streets. Jan straddles a worn support, one of few spans over the cracks our society lets its disadvantaged fall into.

Betty is older and her stories are of medical school, nose rings, and miraculous past residence in any city one mentions. She drinks dish soap, pours salt on houseplants, and mentions a long lost husband who will come rushing out from Arizona to support her. Soft-spoken and calm, she presents herself easily as a middle-class woman whose only disability is bad turns of circumstance. But irrationality and paranoia prevent her from working, or even maintaining the day-to-day stability necessary for temporary placement in a mental health apartment.

The government pays her approximately $320 a month for disabilities, expecting sane and calculated budgeting to maintain rent payments and living expenses. The money is spent on fast food, clothes and hotel rooms, and seldom lasts more than two weeks. Given the lack of realistic options for her, Betty doesn't need more money, or an asylum. She needs a room, somewhere, that is always hers, for the last week of the month or every day but one She needs a home to which she can come and go freely.

Betty's sad reality is her inability to provide this for herself. An overlooked reality is a social services system which lacks available, permanent, stable, adequate solutions for people like Betty.

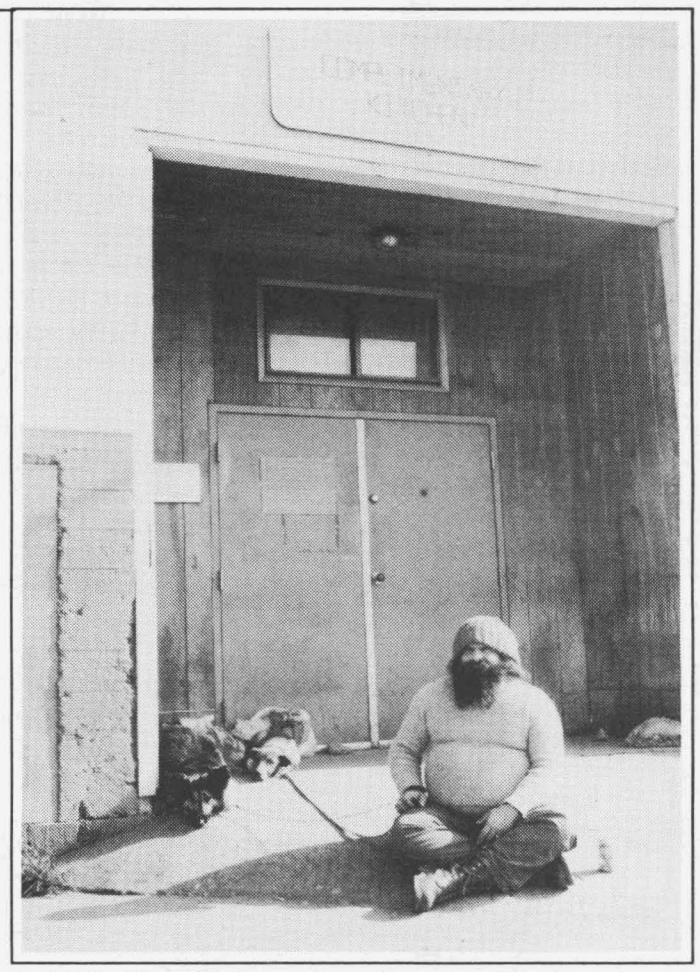
And why is it wrong for a society to guarantee shelter and food without concern as to who is really in need or who can get it for themselves?

Rehabilitation is a worthy ideal, but often becomes an argument against help which is simply given.

The imagined danger of open-ended assistance is that people who "don't really need it" will take advantage of the system. I have met few people with the physical, mental, financial, racial, or socioeconomic prerequisites necessary to be self-sufficient who do not feel caged when their independence is restricted.

And why is it wrong for a society to guarantee shelter and food without concern as to who is really in need or who can get it for themselves? We forget, that to allow even one person's suffering at the hands of the system is to sanction this possibility for every individual. No one is right in judging, or determining what qualifies people to eat and live, and denial of these necessities to any person for any reason is wrong.

Mentally ill adults, war veterans, families, children, drug addicts, alcoholics, and people with A.I.D.S. are among those living on the streets. Statistics are



In front of Bread & Roses Complimentary Kitchen, "Bear", (his street name), is homeless and living in the Olympia area in his truck. He's been on the street a little over a year. "We're not here by choice. We're forced to live on the street" because of high rents and security deposits, he said of himself and others. *photo by Curt Pavola*

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Dear Representative Haugen

A Sustainable Community Needs a Sustainable Taxbase

Marvin Saillard

Ed. Note: This letter was written by Mr. Saillard to State Rep. Mary Margaret Haugen, chair of the House Committee on Local Government.

Dear Representative Haugen:

When more people need more land, land-values go up. A land-value tax will collect more revenue when more people need more public services. We cannot create a sustainable community with our present one-rate property tax because our system of taxation is self-destructive. Our one-rate property tax, our sales tax, and our other taxes are primarily taxes on labor and capital. These taxes tend to raise prices, discourage production and development, and reduce the number of jobs available in the community. Taxes on labor and capital, therefore, erode the tax base, depress the economy, and prevent the community from becoming sustainable.

Taxing labor and capital to pay for public services and public infrastructure also subsidizes the unearned income and unearned profit that a landowner makes when he uses, rents, or sells his land. The use-value, rental-value, and selling price of land are the result of the presence and activity and the taxes of all of the people in the community. Without the presence of these people-factors the landowner's location would have no use-value or potential use-value no matter how well the owner developed the land.

On the other hand, if the use-value of land which results from the public services, public protection, and public infrastructure were taxed as public revenue to pay for these public expenditures, we could have a self-sustaining community in which the source of public revenue would increase as the need for public revenue grows. At the same time this land-value tax will reduce land-prices. The selling price of land is determined by dividing the annual net-rent-of-land-after-taxes by the current interest rate of investment capital. The larger the land-value tax, the smaller the net-land-rent and the smaller the selling price.

The net-rent-of-land-after -taxes represents the landowner's unearned income for which he produced nothing. The ability to charge other people for permission to use his location is a special privilege awarded to him by the community which is not charging him the full use-value of the land for his exclusive use of the land which was made valuable by the presence and activity and taxes of all of the people in the community.

Under land-value taxation, the landowner would retain the land-title to insure his exclusive use of the location, and to protect his ownership of the capital improvements and capital production at the location. If he were to give up the location, he could sell his capital, and he would transfer the land-title. The holder of the land-title is the one who pays the land-value tax. The more rent-of-land that is collected by the community as public revenue, the more likely the land-title 'holder is to use the land himself, rather than rent it to someone else to use.

With low or no net-land-rent-after-taxes there could be no inflation of selling prices of land and there would be no profit in land speculation. Therefore, the rent-of-land would be the use-value of the location as determined by the demand for that location in the market-place, and new homebuyers would not have to save much for the downpayment. We would no longer have land-price inflation to make homes unaffordable.

His ability to charge other people for permission to use his location is a special privilege awarded by the community that made his land valuable through its presence and activity and taxes of all its citizens.

The land-value tax could replace the taxes on labor and capital. The tax on land-values would encourage efficient use of land, cause lower prices of all goods produced on and from the land, and create many more jobs in the community. Elimination of taxes on labor and capital, would lower prices of goods that were formerly taxed, encourage production of goods with lower prices, and replace the jobs that formerly would have been priced out of the market.

With land-value taxation we could have a sustainable community with a healthy economy. Low priced land and no taxes on labor and capital would attract business and industry. Jobs competing for workers would promise good wages.

Yours for sustaining communities with land-value taxation,

Marvin Saillard

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(Homeless, continued)

available, but numbers are not the issue. It is a travesty that any percentage of the population is cold, hungry, wet, or ill, when money is literally thrown away before the faces and at the expense of the disenfranchised. And it is not as if solutions are complicated or impossible to pay for; perhaps a few missiles or luxury automobiles or summer condominiums might have to be sacrificed to guarantee everyone food and housing, but there are people who could be helped immediately only by having a place to live.

I see Tara all over town, usually she is trying to stay dry and be inconspicuous. This is hard to do when you can't buy a cup of coffee, or a meal, or a movie ticket. I saw a friend of hers curling up around his backpack to sleep in a phone booth early one morning in February. I can speak and smile, even offer a lift somewhere or some food, but when it comes to what really matters, a way around day-to-day life on the streets, they know I can't do more than refer them to temporary resources already exhausted. So we talk about the rain or how we've been spending time, and these things are real and important. She tells me of plans to move on and find something for herself in another town.

It's always just a job or a bus trip away, just one more month before so many apartments will be occupied by several families, and it often becomes three months or a season and a couple of weeks sleeping under a bridge or in a car when all of the hotel vouchers have been used up and shelter time spent. And there is no real solution short of re-structuring the entire social services system, and even more primarily, changing the ways people think about those they see on the streets, those who eat in soup kitchens, and those who live on welfare, for whatever reasons.

Systemic changes will only be possible when everyone is seen as equal, and equally deserving. It is hard to simply look a homeless person in the eye, to face another's misfortune in the light of one's own relative luxury. It can be uncomfortable to speak with someone who is mentally ill, or very drunk. The questions and pulls of responsibility are even harder, and they inevitably lead to a questioning of the entire economic system we work and buy into.

Being asked by a man for a dollar to buy something to eat, I went and bought him a piece of chicken instead. I thought I was doing him a favor and ensuring that my money would buy him nourishment, rather than cigarettes or alcohol. I realized later that I had taken from this man his last bit of dignity. I enjoy the freedom to decide almost everything. This man's freedom had deteriorated. At that point he was left only with the freedom to decide how to spend a begged dollar. Judgement is just one more wrong done to other individuals, and one more barrier to a solution affirming individual worth. The insights that matter are in the words and experience of those who have less. The only true solution will begin with really hearing, feeling these words, speaking and smiling, and then questioning how anybody's poverty could be deserved.

Mark Dooley wrote this piece which was published in the September 1991 newsletter of Bread & Roses. Mark was a B&R volunteer at the time.

Help Bread & Roses

Bread & Roses is having to move in May. They are unsure about a lot of things regarding location and funds. Now is the time to help. Call to volunteer at 754-4085 or come by at 1320 8th Ave.

Bread & Roses' Help

Someone is usually available at our house at 1320 8th Avenue. The best time to call or come by is before 11 a.m. or after 4 p.m. (We are in and out between those times.) If you want to reach someone or drop something by at the Complimentary Kitchen, please come between 3 and 7:30 p.m. Calls regarding hospitality or the Kitchen can be made to us at 754-4085.

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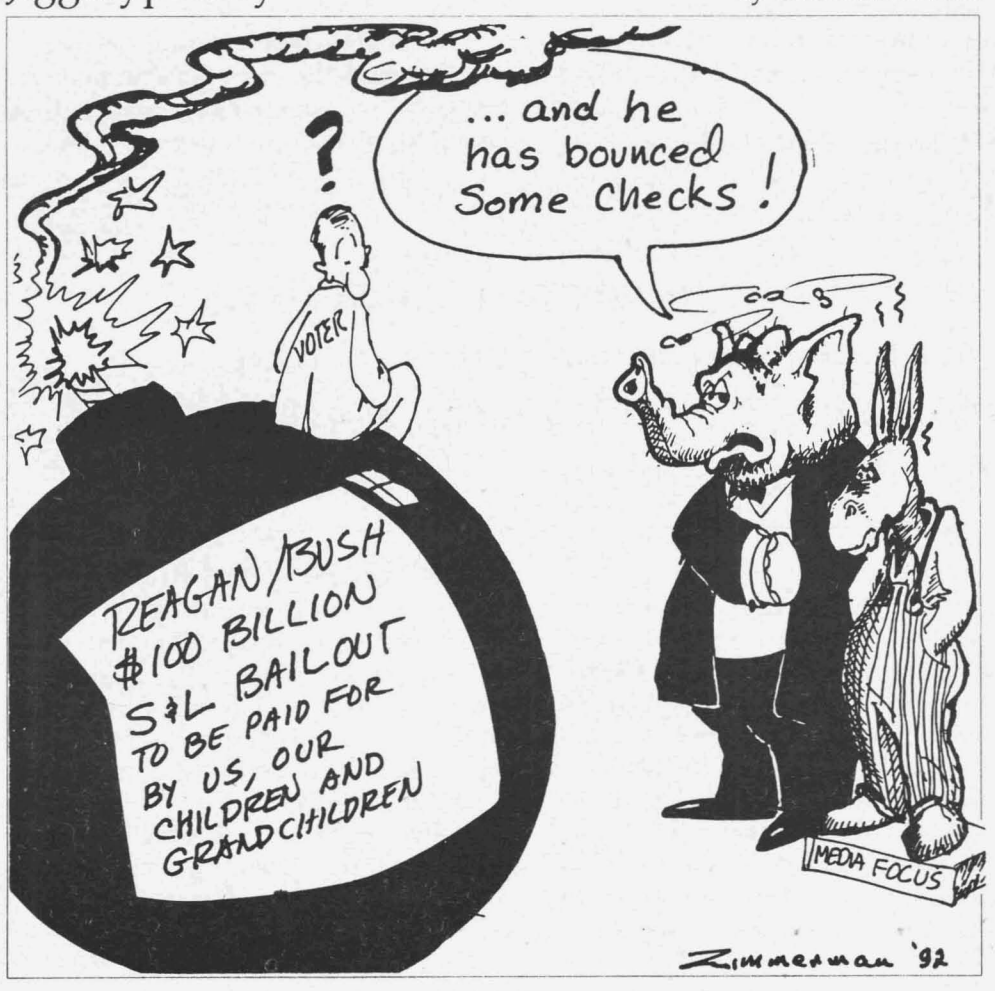
by Al Zimmerman



BOOK REVIEW:
A Philosopher's View Of Achieving World Equity

Meta Heller

Haves Without Have-Nots: Essays for the 21st Century on Democracy and Socialism by Mortimer J. Adler, Macmillan Publishing Co., N.Y. 1991

I was attracted to the title: *Haves Without Have-Nots*. Must pertain to utopias, ways to redistribute wealth, or even land-value taxation, I thought. Adler does not address specifics but nevertheless I enjoyed his broad perspective, logical arguments, and good writing.

Mortimer J. Adler is a world-reknown philosopher, life-long socialist, author of 47 books, and chairman of the Board of Editors of *Encyclopaedia Britannica*.

Topics covered were the end of conflict between capitalism and communism, the future of democracy, "strict constructionists" (using Robert Bork as an example), the natural sameness of the human mind despite diversities in nurture and culture, and the importance of establishing a global federal union to eliminate conflicts between *have* and *have-not* nations.

Adler was one of the framers of a World Constitution in 1943 after the U.S. dropped the first atomic bombs on Japan. Thereafter, he campaigned relentlessly for world government with the World Federalists.

The book is dedicated to Mikhail Gorbachev "whose *perestroika* opened the window to this vision of the future in the United States, Eastern Europe, and the Soviet Union.

"As a Georgist, I found his first chapter, "The End of Conflict Between Capitalism and Communism", most interesting. Did you know that whenever Marx and Engels referred to "property" or "private property" they were never referring to the ownership of consumable goods but always to the ownership of means of production?

Or did you know that in the Communist Manifesto of 1848 Marx and Engels recommended the following for the transitional period between private-property capitalism and state capitalism?

(1) Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes .

(2) A heavy progressive or graduated income tax .

(3) Abolition of all right of inheritance .

Adler explains the unity of his book and relevance:

(1) The last hundred years has shrunk our globe to the size of a small community in earlier centuries. This, he says, underlies the prediction and the promise of the 21st Century.

(2) Constitutional democracy was mostly a dream in the 19th Century but by the middle of the 20th Century came to be realized in western Europe, the British Commonwealth, and the United States. By the 1990's "the movement had spread with the speed of infection to many countries that had been long deprived of the benefits of political liberty and majority rule." Democracy thus appears on the ascendancy.

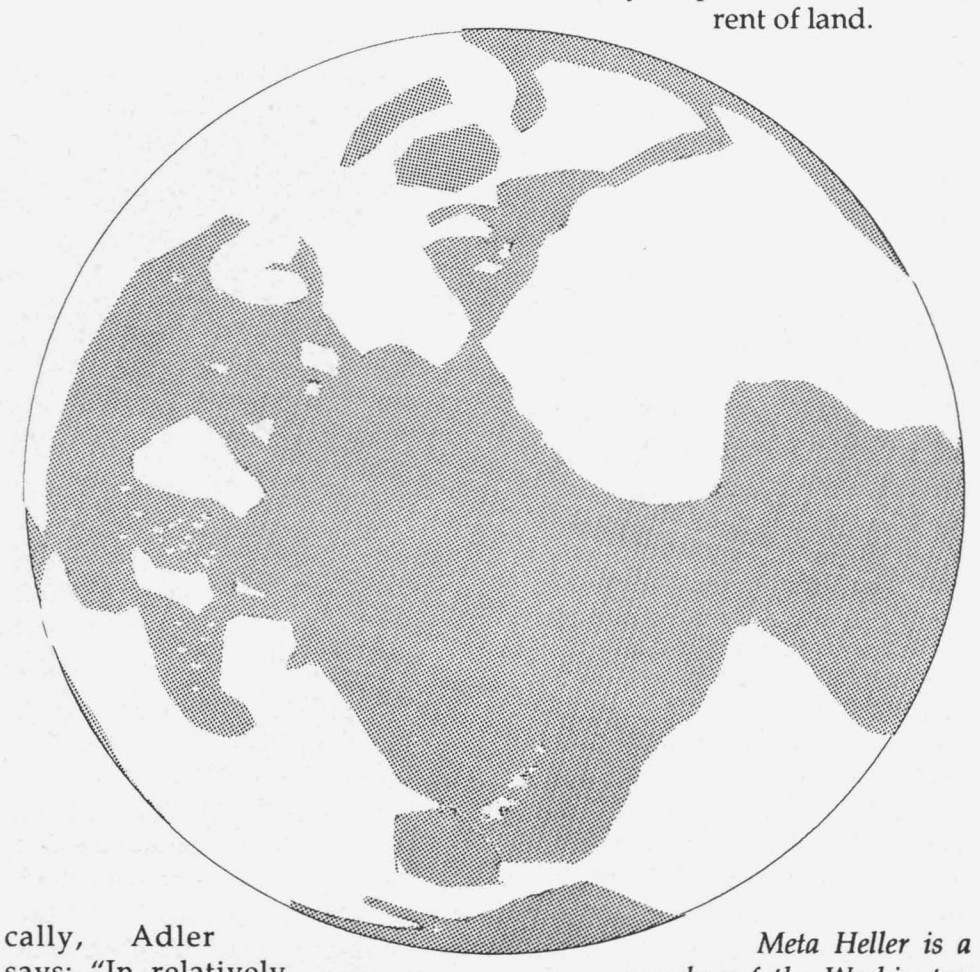
(3) Adler reminds us of another remarkable feature of this century: "Totalitarian communism came into existence and (with a few exceptions) ceased to exist within the same hundred years." Fascist totalitarian governments came and went as well.

Adler says: "The last two features of the 20th Century - - its movement toward the democratic ideal in the political sphere and toward the socialistic ideal in the economic sphere - - explain the title and the subtitle of this book."

As for *haves* and *have-nots* politically, Adler says: "In relatively advanced democratic societies, all persons (with a few justifiable exceptions) are enfranchised citizens. All are politically *haves*, possessing political liberty and the other rights and privileges accorded citizens. The *have-nots* are limited to those below the age of consent, those confined to hospitals for the mentally incompetent, those incarcerated in prisons as felonious criminals, and those who have ever been convicted. A politically democratic society is a society of *haves without have-nots*."

We have a long way to go in the economic sphere. "The socialist ideal lags behind in the degree to which it has been realized anywhere. Socialism is the economic correlate of democracy in precisely the same terms. The socialist ideal is realized in varying degrees in societies in which all or most are *haves* and there are few or no *have-nots* - - persons grossly deprived of what any human being needs to lead a decent human life. Thus a socialist society, like a democratic society, is also one of *haves* without *have-nots*, one in which all (again with a few exceptions) enjoy the right to a decent livelihood."

Adler points out a widely prevalent mistake has been to identify socialism with communism which blinds "a vast majority of our citizens to the fact that any welfare state is, to some degree, a socialized form of private-property capitalism . . . The right means is socialized private-property capitalism." We Georgists would emphasize a necessary step is to socialize the rent of land.



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Boycott: Mellon Bank PSFS Called by: Friends of Beaversprite

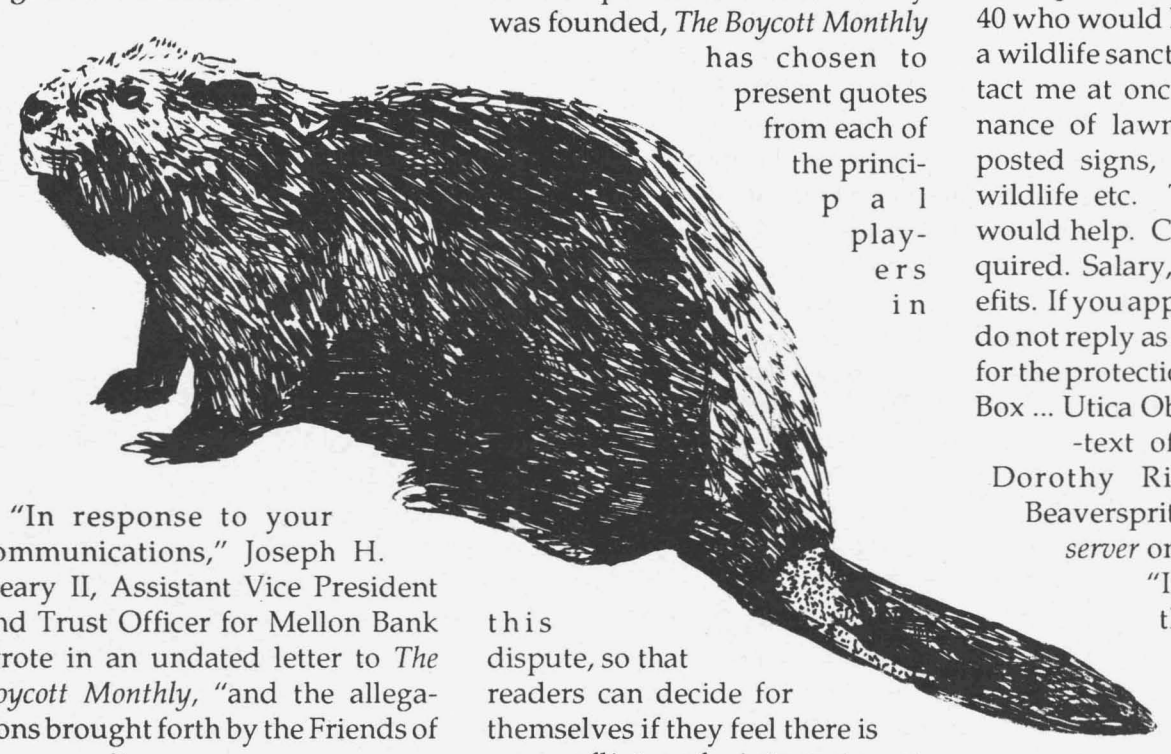
Zachary D. Lyons

Mellon Bank is the target of a boycott called by Friends of Beaversprite as the result of an ongoing dispute over who should manage the Beaversprite Sanctuary (aka Florence Jones Reineman Wildlife Sanctuary) near Little Falls, New York. "We are asking that the management be restored to the humane goals of the sanctuary's benefactors, who were animal preservations, and that the present manager be replaced with one who is both educationally and ethically qualified -- and one who was not involved with the much reported abuses of the past regime," writes Sharon T. Brown, Director of Friends of Beaversprite (FoB).

As the active trustee of the Erdman Trust, which owns the sanctuary, Mellon Bank is responsible for ensuring that the Erdman Trust is managed according to the wishes of Florence Waring Erdman, as spelled out in her Last Will and Testament, which established the trust. Mellon Bank's responsibility includes ensuring that trust or sanctuary assets are not "diverted from the purpose of the trust ([which is] to finance sanctuaries where animals can live unmolested and people can be educated in wildlife preservation)," states Brown.

"Over more than a decade [Mellon Bank] has failed to investigate many reports of managerial wrongdoings, such as poaching and diversion of assets to employees' benefits," charges Brown. "Such reports came from Dorothy Richards (the [sanctuary's] founder), sanctuary employees..., the 150-page complaint from Friends of Beaversprite to the New York Charities Bureau in 1988, and an extensive 1989 United Press International investigation. [Mellon Bank] also failed to look into reports of reprisals by their local management against those reporting the wrongdoings..."

"Following the 16-year manager's [Larry Watkins] resignation in 1989, instead of making a fresh start, [Mellon Bank] appointed his assistant, David Bone, who was an integral part of the old regime, as manager," Brown adds. "Besides Bone's involvement in past abuses, he is an avid hunter who does not agree with the humane education goals of the sanctuary's founders, and he has no education whatsoever in wildlife or environmental issues at a time when qualified individuals with multiple degrees are available."



"In response to your communications," Joseph H. Deary II, Assistant Vice President and Trust Officer for Mellon Bank wrote in an undated letter to *The Boycott Monthly*, "and the allegations brought forth by the Friends of Beaversprite:

"As Trustee, we consider compliance with the terms of the Florence W. Erdman Trust in management of the Florence Jones Reineman Wildlife Sanctuary an obligation of the utmost importance. It is true that the Friends of Beaversprite filed a 150-page complaint with the New York Charities Bureau; however, the Attorney General dismissed the case because no evidence was found to support the charges. We have full confidence in the current management and staff at the Sanctuary and continue to monitor the situation as our responsibilities as Trustee dictate.

"We are available to respond to specific inquiries on an individual basis."

It should be noted at this point that *The Boycott Monthly* did send Mellon Bank seven pages of specific materials on two different occasions before we received the above response. Additionally, it was our understanding that Mellon Bank already possessed a copy of the aforementioned 150-page complaint, which would appear to be substantiated by the Deary letter. *The Boycott Monthly* has therefore made the editorial decision that it has provided Mellon Bank ample time and information for response, and that its response, which is reprinted in its entirety above, is the most we can expect from them. This is unfortunate.

Because of the lack of dialogue surrounding this dispute, and because the dispute itself revolves around the central issue of the compatibility of the beliefs of the sanctuary management with the beliefs upon which the sanctuary was founded, *The Boycott Monthly* has chosen to present quotes from each of the principal players in this dispute, so that readers can decide for themselves if they feel there is a conflict of interests at Beaversprite. These quotes follow:

"Occasionally a weasel would visit our yard. Once I saw one scouting around while two song sparrows perched overhead. The birds kept very still but leaned to watch his movements, which were so rapid the eye could hardly follow. The only animal I saw fall prey to a weasel was a chipmunk, whose loud scream chilled my heart. At times I heard screams of rabbits in desperate straits, or the shrill cries of doe deer whose fawns were in danger. Mostly, however, our farm was a place of harmony and peace. Life was a struggle for all, but there was give and take and a wealth of joy. The more I learned about wildlife the more enraged I became at man's senseless persecution. The breaking up of a happy family of beavers by a ruthless trapper was a supreme tragedy. As I learned to love and respect other forms of life, the welfare of smaller creatures became more and more important to me. I vowed to establish a sanctuary which would give the animals room to live. The idea became an obsession, and I was ready to make any sacrifice to buy more land."

-excerpt from page 39 of the book, *Beaversprite*, written by Dorothy Richards, founder of Beaversprite.

"I expect to depend upon the Trustees to see that wild animals shall have a place where they are free as far as possible from molestation. It is my direction that no trapping, hunting, fishing or any similar use or uses be made of the sanctuary or sanctuaries. Also to the greatest extent possible it be used to enlighten and educate the public so as to develop their interest in preserving wildlife for future generations and to this end I suggest that if possible a naturalist or ornithologist be employed to lecture to any group on the sanctuary grounds on wildlife preservation and related subjects."

-excerpt from the will of Florence Waring Erdman which governs the management of the trust that owns Beaversprite.

"Is there a reasonably healthy man or couple without children, aged about 40 who would like to live and work in a wildlife sanctuary? If so please contact me at once. Duties are maintenance of lawns and buildings and posted signs, patrolling, feeding of wildlife etc. Training as naturalist would help. Character references required. Salary, house and others benefits. If you approve of hunting please do not reply as this is a true sanctuary for the protection of wildlife. Reply to Box ... Utica Observer."

-text of classified ad which Dorothy Richards, creator of Beaversprite, sent to the *Utica Observer* on June 20, 1968.

"I hunt whitetails, or their sign, practically every day of the year; at least, every day that I am in the woods. I am constantly looking for sign...tracks, runways, droppings and/or browse areas. I mark this information on a map that I carry in my truck."

-excerpt from page 139 of the book, *A Guide To Adirondack Deer Hunting*, by Larry Watkins, manager of Beaversprite from 1973 until 1989, which, according to information in the book, is available from Watkins Natural History Books, care of the Beaversprite Sanctuary's address.

"...the future of sport hunting rests with educating America's youngsters about hunting, no matter which type. Edie Martin, a sportsman's activist and outdoor columnist from Needham, Massachusetts, recently wrote, 'Hunting's going to be referred to in the past tense unless we get sportsmen off their rear ends, working to save their sports!'

"These powerful words must be considered carefully. We can ill afford to allow the non-hunters to educate the public sector, especially the children, about hunting. Who will teach them? The answer is the sportsman. The time to start this campaign is not tomorrow, next week, or next deer season. The time is now.

"If sportsmen are going to compete with the anti-hunter's methods, they will have to commit themselves to becoming involved in the situation. You can do your part by making contributions to pro-hunting groups such as the Wildlife Legislation Fund of America... Supporting such groups should be as important to you as finding a place to hunt or selecting a new gun."

-excerpt from the last chapter of Larry Watkins' book, *A Guide To Adirondack Deer Hunting*, page 194.

"I would like to lease from you for $1 per acre per year ($250 per year total), the exclusive right to oversee your property. I would legally post your land and patroll for violators. I

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NLEA: No Solution to Health Care Crisis

Dan O' Flaherty

Health Food Stores: For Lease! This is the sign you'll see if current legislation is passed.. Fifty to seventy percent of the vitamins, herbs, and amino acids and twenty to thirty percent of the food products now sold in the nation's natural food outlets will be *gone*.

This is a real threat. Seventeen health food stores in Texas were simultaneously hit in February, 37 items were confiscated, everything from herbs, amino acids, Co-Q10, Colon Cleansers, Sleepy Time Tea and any product that made even the slightest medicinal implication. This is real folks, your rights to choose are at severe risk.

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The Nutrition Labelling and Education Act of 1990 has been passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bush. The intent of the NLEA is to create nutritional labeling standards for all foods. In the NLEA, the FDA is instructed to develop separate procedures for health claims for dietary supplements. However, the FDA is stating that separate rules for dietary supplements would be inappropriate. Natural food industry attorneys, associations, and organizations think the FDA is intending to use NLEA to significantly restrict marketing and sales of dietary supplements.

NLEA goes into law in May of 1993. The FDA is using the passage of this bill to sign on a whole slew of amendments. The 2,000 page document will outlaw the sale of chromium, selenium, Vitamin C with Bioflavonioas, and the list goes on and on.

There are two other bills: HR3642 and HR1662. HR3642 will expand the enforcement powers of the FDA to give it the power of judge and jury. It will modify FDA embargo authority and give them the rights to seize products that make any health claim. The FDA has refused to reveal any and all materials submitted by the National Nutritional Foods Association, American Herbal Association and the list goes on and on. They will be regulating an industry they know nothing about. HR1662 would require the Federal Trade Commission to regulate advertising claims based on reprehensive standards set forth by the FDA. Not since the late 1960's have our rights to choose been in such jeopardy.

I forgave my position as the Washington State Retailer Representative for the Northwest Nutritional Foods Association , which represents all the Natural Foods stores because as a trade association, we cannot also do grassroots type of lobbying. Since then, we've formed a group called Citizens For Health, (I'm vice-president.) In one month we've expanded to a twenty state wide organization with many different projects to defeat the current legislation. I instigated the most comprehensive "Phone-In" on the FDA, the White House and Congress in the history of this industry.

It is just good common sense to educate Americans about the importance of nutrition in preventing disease. And since millions of Americans do not eat an adequate diet, our rights to obtain dietary supplements must be protected. There are literally thousands of scientific studies showing the benefits of food supplements in human and animal nutrition. Citizens for Health feels people should have open access to dietary supplements and natural healing methods. We strive to keep our elected officials informed about the research data and aware of the will of the people.

We need your help now! We need to bring this issue to the forefront of American politics. Your right to choose wellness over illness is being taken away by special interest groups, the pharmaceutical industry, AHA, etc. If health care is said to be the issue of the 90's, then why are they taking away our rights to choose health care over crisis care. The time to act is now. Contact your natural food retailers and ask how you can join Citizens for Health. We are a consumer organization dedicated to promoting and preserving good health in America and around the world.

We all need to be saying the same things to our representatives in Congress. Jolene Unsoeld's reply to me is that she feels it's government's right to set standards on products they know nothing about. I have an appointment to see her April 21st and will have all the information to change her views on this issue. They need to hear from YOU.

Come by the store and pick up the proper information. We have the exact page numbers, etc. that were buried in the NLEA that you'll need to cite while expressing your views. There are many key congressional representatives. George Bush needs to hear about it. Your local newspapers need to know your concern.

To find out more, write Citizens for Health PO Box 368 Tacoma, WA 98401 or call Dan at 357-8779.

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would like this to be a long term commitment and for me it would provide more area to hunt as well as alleviate some of my tresspass problems."

-excerpt from letter from David Bone, the current manager of Beaversprite, dated February 21, 1987, to the Zambrotto's of Olympia, WA, relative to land they own near Beaversprite. (Editor's note: spelling errors part of original text.)

Friends of Beaversprite is asking that individuals, organizations and trusts boycott all Mellon Bank PSFS products and services, until Mellon Bank hires on-site sanctuary managers whose beliefs are in line with those spelled out in the Erdman Will.

For more information or to express your concerns, you may contact Friends of Beaversprite or Mellon Bank PSFS as follows:

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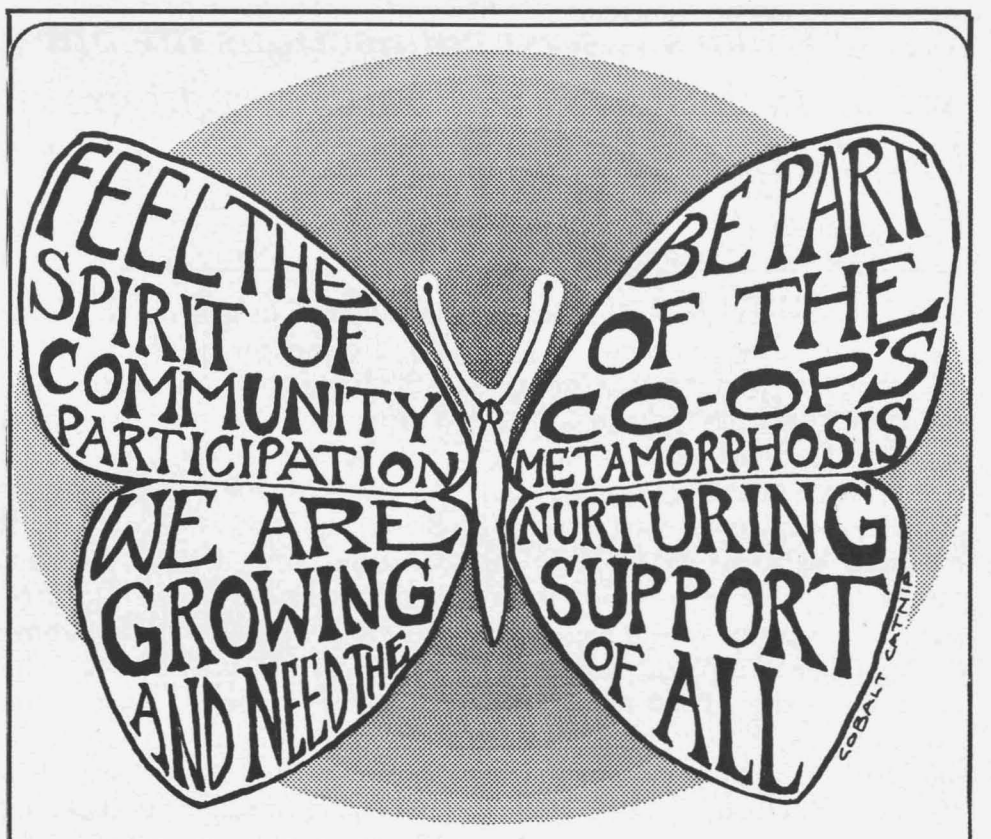
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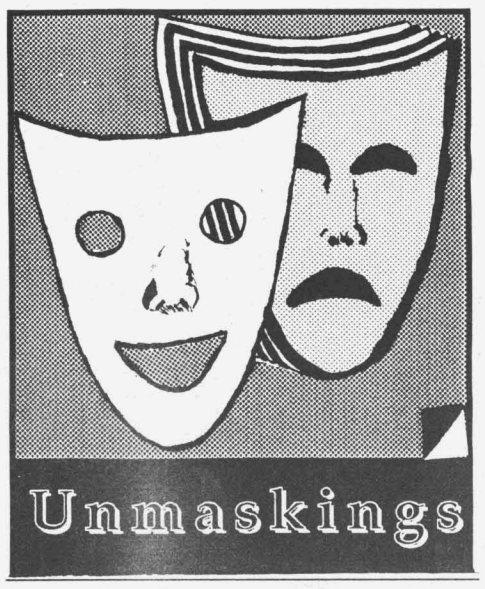

Electing The Fourth Reich

Ron Jacobs

During the '20s and '30s the German Left made the mistake of identifying the Social Democrats running for parliament with the right wing National Socialists (Nazis). The rest, as they say, is history. Today, many in the U.S. Left say the same about the closest thing to social democrats the U.S. has to offer in the electoral arena —the liberal Democratic party candidates. We cannot afford a twenty-first century replay of the Third Reich. Although the Browns and Jacksons are not much, the Dukes, Buchanans, and Bushes are worse.

While Duke's fascist connections are old news, Buchanan's ties to ultra-right groups like the Liberty Lobby are only hinted at in the press. His words, however, prove more about his alliances than any associations he might have. Bush is not without fascist skeletons in his closet, either. According to a series of stories carried in various media (primarily the *Philadelphia Inquirer*) in late summer 1988, most of his campaign outreach to white ethnic groups was organized and run by men who collaborated with the Third Reich in eastern Europe and defended them against charges of war crimes after the Nazi defeat in World War II.

I'm not one to spend much time defending the U.S. system as a democracy, but, in a limited way, some room for pluralism and democratic change does exist. According to Duke, Buchanan, and Bush, et al., that pluralism is used by liberals and others to their left to impose their will on the right. In reality, of course, the opposite is true. We are, however, trying to open space for all views to be expressed. If the rightwing candidates (and I include Bush among them) have their way, the only changes to occur will be towards complete control of the economic, political and social arenas by those who align themselves with the Liberty Lobby, the Moral Majority, and the Klan.

According to the labor writer Stanley Aronowitz, fascists are authoritarians "who defend the family as ideology and support the hierarchies of education." If we look at the words of the GOP Three, we find both of these attributes. As Reagan's vice-president, Bush identified the GOP platform with the "family, work, and faith." Buchanan, who grew up idolizing the Catholic fascist Generalissimo Franco, has consistently praised the rise of the religious right for resurrecting the traditional patriarchal family, and, like the Klan and the fascist Christian Identity movement, calls Christianity the only true American religion. Duke's recent "conversion" highlights the necessity of any good rightwinger to claim his so-called Christian heritage. It is this thinking which would deny all other citizens their first amendment right to practice whatever religion they choose, not that scourge of the right — the "secular humanists".

As for what Aronowitz calls the hierarchies of education, one need look no further than the current debate over multicultural education. These three attack the public education system in general, the current trend toward multiculturalism in the U.S. curriculum, and call for the establishment of English as the country's official language. Duke, as he does so often, openly blames Blacks, Latinos, and Jews for the shifting curriculum. Buchanan agrees and calls for government control. Of course, that government would be a Christian one which identifies Western culture as the only culture and the history of the conqueror as the only history. Bush, alone and through his spokesman William Bennett, began his attack on the education system more than four years ago.

As soon as they gained power, the Nazis worked towards the removal of any legal and constitutional restraints on the power of the government. Although this began in the U.S. before Reagan/Bush, it took quantam leaps under Reagan and continues at a greater pace under Bush. The drug war, the assault on individual rights through the courts (not to mention the stacking of the Supreme court with rightwingers), and the invasion of Panama and Iraq are but a few examples of the ongoing erosion of non-executive power. Buchanan would hasten such moves.

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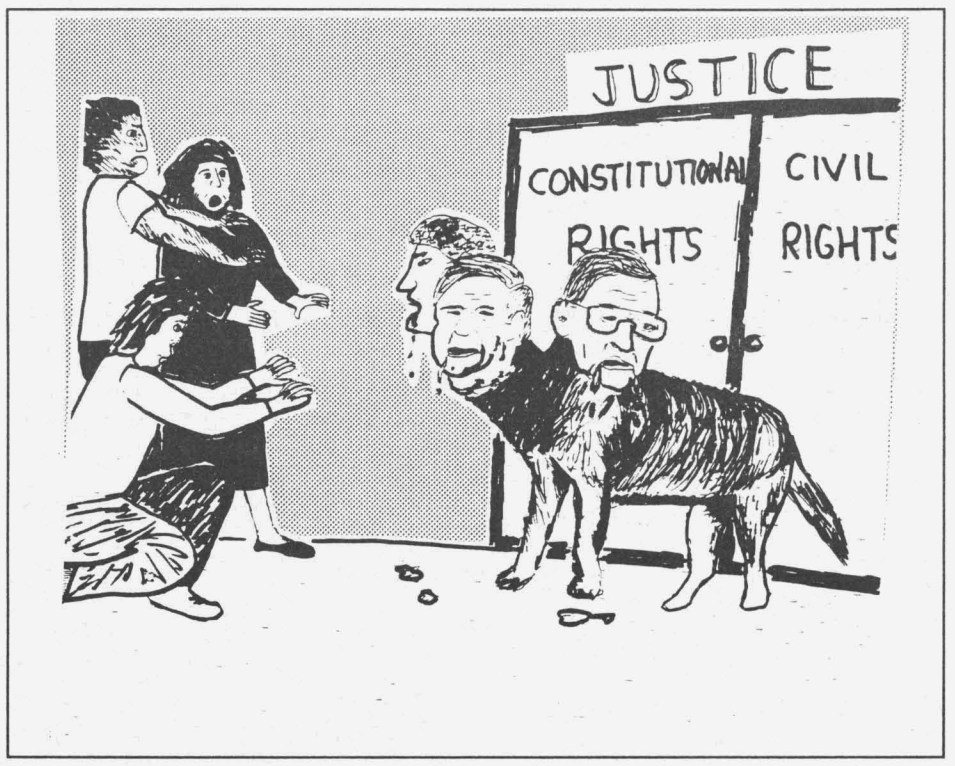

In his autobiography, he tells the reader that "democracy is not enough". It seems to me that he feels democracy is too much. What is needed, he states, is a "Godly country". Of course, his god is the god of Jesse Helms, Joe McCarthy, and Francisco Franco.

When it comes to race, Mr. Bush feigns disgust at Duke and Buchanan's open racism and accuses them of manipulating the electoral system to espouse their views of hate. In pre-Nazi Germany, the "respectable" Nazis expressed similar opinions about Hitler. It was Bush, you remember, who flashed the face of Willie Horton across TV screens four years ago in a campaign advertisement which manipulated fears of white America. These fears, whether legitimate or not, should be discussed in a way which would dispel them, not fan them into an unreasonable hatred. The domestic policies of Bush and his predecessor Reagan lent legitimacy to the racist views of David Duke, Jesse Helms, and other rightwingers who choose to wear jackboots or sheets instead of run for election. At no time since the twenties has there been such overtly racist viewpoints expressed without shame in this country's mainstream political discourse. Even though Bush finally signed a weakened civil rights bill last summer, it was only under pressure that he finally gave in. Even that was only after several verbal disavowals of its contents.

Buchanan and Duke speak openly of an "America first" agenda. This slogan, by the way, is borrowed from the pro-Nazi fascist movement in existence in pre-World War II America. What it translates into is an agenda which blames "foreigners" for the lack of jobs for "real" citizens, and calls for the repatriation of all those labelled as not American. In addition, government assistance payments would be trimmed or denied. After all, states Buchanan, it is welfare, not racism which is to blame for the current state of much of poor, non-white America. Some parts of this agenda are already in place. The existence of a wall along the Mexican-U.S. border in southern California is but one graphic example.

Come on, you say, it's not that bad. After all, Duke is losing everywhere and Buchanan is only getting about 30 percent of the Republican vote. And Bush isn't that bad. Wait a minute. This is what people said about the Nazis in the twenties. If Bush/Quayle win, the way would be open for a total assault on what remains of the Bill of Rights, and Buchanan, Duke, and their fascist buddies would have that much more of a forum for their views. Although many of these candidates supporters don't know it, these candidates are dangerous. If the thought of bands of skinheads and Klansman roaming freely through the streets angers or frightens you, do something. We can't afford to sit arrogantly by and say I told you so. We need to educate those who would support them as to what these men really represent and oppose the candidates and their policies wherever they appear on the campaign trail. From now until election day.

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The Manufactured Candidate

Jerome Johnson

Bill Clinton reminds me of another Southern export we get around here. Like Arkansas chicken, he comes in a nice package, is touted as good but actually makes me sick, and is generally bad for me no matter who tells me how sweet he is. Come to think of it, the only real difference 'tween the two is that the big corporation(s) producing the chicken are right there on the label of the package, for all the world to see.

But looks and taste aren't the only unappetizing things about Slick Willie. His callous treatment of Gennifer Flowers (remember her?) and Jesse Jackson are signs of bad judgment and ill temper. Would he--as president--attack another nation on the basis of unconfirmed, erroneous reports--as quickly and as sharply as he did Jackson?

A lot of people, even so-called liberals, get annoyed with the "character issue" and insist that a candidate's personal life has nothing to do with presidential job-effectiveness, which suits Slick Willie just fine. Eisenhower and Kennedy--not to mention Washington, Jefferson and others--cheated on their wives too, so what difference should it make? Everyone knows that married men, especially politicians, have trouble being faithful to the person who in theory they love and care for most. For me, it's an issue of trust: if a-- s wife can't trust him, can I?

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But since the character thing is so irrelevant, let's look at Clinton's resume. His state has one of the worst environmental records in the country; this is because he favors Business so much that waste-disposal practices are barely regulated. Arkansas is a right-to-work state, which weakens organized labor, so Business there doesn't have to deal with nuisances like safety, decent wages or insurance/benefits. You can bet that Clinton's friends in business remember this at contribution time.

Slick Willie plays the race card better than any other Democrat. He talks about ending the "divisiveness" of the 1980s and "bringing America together." Yet there is scarcely a word about civil rights, women's issues, health, comparable worth or other people issues. His appointment of many minorities to positions in state government is billed as "proof" of his commitment to civil rights and the cause of his "biracial support." Rather than affirmative action, it is mere shrewd politicking: Clinton knew he needed minority votes locally and nationally. His token appointments obscure a lack of broad public policy and reinforce the myth of individual achievement. Extolling the fact that he got 60% of the black vote, he doesn't mention the tragically low turnout. None of the black people I know support him; he rails against welfare in Dukesque rhetoric while endorsing boot camps as prison "reform" and the death penalty, neither of which work but make the law-and-order constituency feel good. It's a nifty way of promoting a "Democratic" agenda while following the conventional wisdom that says supporting the traditional Democratic coalition is a sure way to lose elections by "alienating the middle class" and "pandering to special interests."

Slick Willie didn't get to national infamy all alone: he had more than enough help from our "free" and "objective" media. For some reason, the media has consistently worshipped him since his entrance into the race. Early on Time- lovingly featured him on its cover, and it hasn't let up since; days before he lost the New Hampshire primary, the media kept calling him the "front-runner" even as polls showed Tsongas ahead with 25% of the vote. Covering the Democrats, media's lead or focus is too often on Clinton, even if other candidates are doing important things the same day. Clinton's personal life doesn't bother the media, either: the same media that howled for Gary Hart's blood in 1984 for spending a weekend on Bimini hardly wagged a finger at Slick Willie for carrying on with Gennifer Flowers for years before getting her a state job. I know--not as nice as modeling designer jeans, but it *was* steady work.

My liberal friends, many of whom oughtta know better, support Clinton because he's "electable", and that "even he's better than Bush, at least he's a Democrat." Well, I totally disagree. I don't think Clinton's essentially Republican values make him preferable to King George simply because the label on the package says Democrat. With a few exceptions, no Democratic leaders or traditional coalition members have endorsed him. Out here in real life, no one but two people admit to supporting him. There's a new scandal about him almost every week, but all he does is flash his shit-eating grin and tell us what we already know: that he "isn't perfect." The King's campaign people slaver at the thought of running against him, often publicly. Is this what makes an overgrown frat boy "electable"?

Thank God I live in a state that soundly rejected this Arkansas export. America needs to understand what Washington State made clear via its caucus vote: like Arkansas chicken, the Clinton candidacy is bad for you. Don't buy it.

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(Censorship, continued)

group. "Our children of gay and lesbian parents would continue to grow up dysfunctional and not understanding and hating their parents.

"Perhaps we could go one step further," he continued, "and ban all positive references to homosexuality from our library so that our children can continue killing themselves because they can't accept their homosexuality, so that our young heterosexual children can grow up thinking that it's no worse to go out and bash a gay person than it is to break a pumpkin open on Halloween."

Janice Friebaum offered a disturbing portrait of the actions of another advanced, cultured society that chose not to pursue knowledge of human diversity. "I am the daughter of parents who's books were removed from shelves," she testified. "After the books were removed, they were burned. After the books were burned, my grandparents and all of my aunts and uncles were murdered" in Nazi Germany.

Several speakers attested to the crucial nature of free access to information in a democratic society. "There are parents who wish to protect their children from library books they consider to be undesirable. This is their right," said Winnie Boland, speaking o n behalf of the Washington Coalition Against Censorship. "There are also some parents who wish to protect other people's children from material they consider to be undesirable," she continued. "This we cannot accept."

Following about two hours of emotional, yet civil, debate over the content of *Daddy's Roommate* and its placement in Timberland's libraries, the board of trustees discussed the matter extensively among themselves and voted six to one to reaffirm the current library policy of including diverse and sometimes controversial books in their collection and allowing professional librarians to determine their placement.

Curt is an Olympia resident who enjoys seeing people grow in their understanding of human nature.

Censorship Task Force

In reaction to the recent attempt to ban the children's book, *Daddy's Roommate*, the Washington Freedom Coalition formed an Anti-censorship Task Force. The WFC is a gay/lesbian civil rights group here in Olympia. It is a private non-profit support organization for Washington's homosexual community.

The Task Force will not limit its scope to homosexual issues, but will deal with attempts at censorship in all forms and in all areas. Afterall, censorship is censorship.

For more information call 943-4662.

DSHS: No Discrimination Against Gay & Lesbian Clients and Employees

Christopher Jennings

In August 1991 the state Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS) convened a Task Force on Gay and Lesbian Concerns. This task force is part of the Department's "Valuing Diversity Initiative."

The DSHS Diversity Initiative effort began in 1990. It primarily is focused on four areas: ethnic minorities; physical, mental and sensory disabilities; gender; and sexual minorities. The objectives are the same for each of these areas: to identify and acknowledge the diversity which exists among both DSHS clients and its work force; to promote diversity as a positive value, in an atmosphere of mutual acceptance and respect; and to recommend how to eliminate discrimination and harassment, enhance services and improve the conditions of the DSHS workplace.

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The Task Force on Gay and Lesbian Concerns includes as members DSHS employees, service provision contractors, and clients, as well as representatives from other public agencies and the private business sector. The Task Force is responsible for identifying real and perceived barriers, to serving gays and lesbians, and for examining attitudes and workplace conditions which affect them as employees. To do this, it is divided into three work groups, consisting of Task Force members and other interested participants.

The "Employee Issues Work Group" sent a survey to all 17,000 DSHS employees. This wholly voluntary, entirely anonymous survey sought information on the demographics of the DSHS work force, vis-a-vis sexual orientation, and feedback on the nature of the workplace environment and attitudes toward gays and lesbians.

Nearly 6000 surveys were returned by DSHS employees, for a 30% return rate, the highest ever achieved for an employee survey. The results have just begun to be tabulated.

Interestingly, employee and public response to the survey has been mixed. Within the gay and lesbian community, people generally have applauded the DSHS effort to become more informed in order to eliminate discrimination against them. But the effects of past and present hostile attitudes toward gays and lesbians have been reflected in some concern the survey might be used to identify and further discriminate against or harass them, despite careful efforts to stress its voluntary and anonymous character.

Other employee and community response has been hysterically homophobic, accusing the effort of wasting money, condoning immoral behavior, and designed to give unfair, preferential treatment to members of sexual minorities.

The "Client Issues Work Group" has been conducting forums and community meetings around the state seeking information about barriers to DSHS services experienced by gay and lesbian clients. DSHS services potentially touch every citizen of the state, being involved as it is in income assistance, medical assistance, food stamps, child and family services, daycare licensing and regulation, juvenile rehabilitation, foster care, child support enforcement, aging and adult services, nursing home licensing and regulation, mental health services, vocational rehabilitation, alcohol and substance abuse treatment, and services to the developmentally disabled.

Meetings have been held in Spokane, Tacoma, Everett, Olympia and Seattle. Fear of discrimination often has been evidenced in the hesitancy of clients to even appear and speak out on the issue, despite a wealth of anecdotal accounts of negative experiences. In some instances, it has been difficult to get DSHS Community Service Office cooperation in publicizing the meetings.

The "Resource Identification Work Group" is compiling a statewide directory of health and human services organizations especially oriented to the needs of gay and lesbian clients and employees. This will be available to both DSHS staff and their clients to augment services available through the agency.

The Task Force is scheduled to report its findings and recommendations to DSHS administration by July. In the meantime it still seeks information on how it can improve services to its gay and lesbian clients, and workplace conditions for its gay and lesbian employees. If you have information that would help DSHS with this task, please contact the Task Force chair: Douglas North, DSHS Office of Planning Coordination, P.O. Box 45201, Olympia, WA 98504-5201, telephone: (206) 753-0800.

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2. positive budget variance
3. pre-enjoyed car
4. product consultant
5. waste management bag
6. servicing the target
7. career assignment and relocation
8. Day equalization concept
9. congressional projects of na tional significance
10. hair disadvantaged
11. overseas publicity
12. males with female features
13. delivery ambassador
14. outside aerial technician
15. food and beverage consultant
16. meaningful downturn in aggre gate output
17. regulated organic nutrients
18. deselected
19. valuable, important nuclear materials
20. involuntary administrative seg regation
21. after sales services
22. technical re-estimate
23. security review

A. kickbacks
B. $130 billion budget error
C. car sales person
D. bald
E. sewage sludge
F. solitary confinement
G. kill
H. waiter
I. profit
J. propaganda
K. women soldiers
L. congressional pay raise
M. used car
N. lay off employees
0. plastic trash bag
P. censorship
Q. lose re-election
R. congressional pork barrel
S. telephone line workers
T. pizza delivery person
U. recession
V. nuclear waste

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